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| Habrothamnus fasciculatus | - | - | $-\quad$. |  |



Mean Height of the Barometer in 1841


Monthly depth of Rain in 1841.
I. Journal of Meteorological Observations made in the Garden of the Horticultural Society at Chiswick during the year 1841. By Mr. Robert Thompson.

This Journal has been kept on the same plan as the preceding.

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JANUARY.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1841. | Barom. |  | grometer |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hyg | ometer |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hyg | rometer. |  | Weather. |
|  | 29.942 | 40 | 40 | - | Hazy | 29.917 | 44 | 43 |  | Fine | 29.882 | 42 | 42 | - | Cloudy \& fine |
|  | 29.302 | 35 | 35 | - | Cloudy | 30.086 29.200 | ${ }^{43}$ | 38 | - | Cloudy \& Do. |  | 38 | 32 |  | Snow |
|  | 28.978 | 25 | 25 | - | Sharp Frost | -. 057 | 33 | 33 | - | Snowing | -. 185 | 31 | 31 31 | - | Clear |
|  | 29.316 | 31 | 31 | - | Densely Overcast | -. 318 | 34 | 34 | - | Ditto | -. 376 | 29 | 29 | - | Ditto |
|  | -. 518 | 28 | 28 | - | Hazy | -. 558 | 29 | 25 | 4 | Frosty haze | -. 631 | 26 | 26 | - | Overcast |
|  | -. 698 | 15 | 15 |  | Severe Frost | -. 698 | 23 | 20 | 3 | Sharp frost | $-.760$ | 15 | 15 | - | Clear |
|  | -. 889 | 15 | 15 | - | Very dense Fog | -.893 | 17 | 17 | - | Frosty\& foggy | -. 866 | 14 | 14 | - | Severe frost |
|  | -.738 | 11 | 11 | - | Intense Fiost | -. 665 | 32 | 32 | - | Cloudy | -. 441 | 27 | 23 | 4 | Hazy |
|  | -2.247 | 33 | 33 |  | Overcuist | -. 214 | 35 | 35 | - | Slight haze | -. 089 | 33 | 33 |  | Slight Rain |
|  | 28.864 | 35 | 35 35 | - | Cloudy | 28.950 | 38 | 38 | - | Clear | -. 064 | 32 | 32 |  | Overcast |
|  | -. 563 | 29 | 35 29 | - | Foggy | 29.469 -399 | 39 | 34 | 5 | Ditto | -. 578 | 32 | 32 | - | Clear |
|  | -. ${ }^{86}$ | 36 | 36 | - | Cold easterly haze | -. 296 | 38 | 38 | - | Clear | -. 324 | 33 | 33 |  | Overcast |
|  | -. 559 | 35 | 35 | - | Clearing | -. 653 | 42 | 42 | - | Rain | -. 687 | 33 | 3 | 二 | Overcast |
|  | -. 631 | 36 | 36 | - | Hazy | -. 533 | 50 | 50 | - | Ditto | -. 365 | 51 | 51 | - | Rain |
|  | -. 605 | 48 | 48 |  | Slightly Overcast | -. 608 | 51 | 51 | - | Overcast | -. 729 | 47 | 47 | - | Clear |
|  | -.707 | 46 | 46 |  | Rain | -. 685 | 48 | 48 | - | Ditto | -.725 | 40 | 40 | - | Rain |
|  | 30.778 | 35 <br> 32 | 35 <br> 32 |  | Cloudy \& Cold | -.826 | 37 | 37 | - | Slight rain | -. 918 | 32 | 28 | 4 | Overcast |
|  | -. 505 | 29 | 28 | 1 | Frosty | 30.077 | 38 | 27 <br> 36 | 7 | Clear | 30.182 | 32 | 32 |  | Ditto |
|  | -. 303 | 31 | 31 | - | Ditto | -. 277 | 40 | 36 | 4 | Cloudy | -. 421 | 32 | 32 41 42 | 二 | Fine |
|  | -. 055 | 34 | 34 |  | Clear | -. 108 | 42 | 42 | $\underline{4}$ | Clear | -. 001 | 46 36 | 36 | - | Cloudy \& fine |
|  | 29.796 | 37 | 37 | , | \|l| | 29.848 | 36 | 27 | 9 | Ditto, cold \& dry | -. 161 | 31 | 30 | 1 | Clear |
|  | 20.336 | 27 | 24 |  | Hazy | 30.301 | 37 | 32 | 5 | Clear | -. 195 | 35 | 35 | - | Overcast |
|  | 30.915 | 47 | 47 |  | Slightly Overcast | 29.988 | 48 | 45 | 3 | Overcast \& fine | - 00 | 46 | 46 |  | Ditto |
|  | 30.287 | 33 | 33 | - | Cloudy | 30.083 | 52 44 4 | 50 44 | 2 | Very Fine | -225 | 34 | 34 |  | ar |
|  | -. 176 | 34 | 34 | - |  | -. 385 | 44 | 48 | 6 | Fine but cool | -.250 | 35 | 35 | - | Very Clear |
|  | -.251 | 38 | 38 39 |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \mathrm{Hazy} \\ \text { Foggy } \end{array}$ | -. 235 | 40 | 40 | - | Hazy | . 212 | 38 | 38 |  |  |
|  | -. 182 | 39 | 39 |  | Foggy | -. 165 | 42 | 42 | - | Rain | -. 190 | 30 | 30 | - | Overcast |
|  | 29.773 | 33.13 | 33.00 | 0.13 |  | 29.773 | 38.58 | 37.16 | 1.42 |  | 29.770 | 33.87 | 33.58 | 0.2 |  |

## JANUARY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 45 | 34 | 48 | 28 | W | Little |  | The mean temperature was about $2^{\circ}$ below the average for |
| 2 | 45 | 32 | 45 | 31 |  | Ditto | . 15 | this month. On the nights of the 7 th and 8th the frost was in- |
| 3 | 39 | 21 | 39 | 16 | NW | Brisk | , | tense, the thermometer falling to within $5^{\circ}$ of zero. The barom- |
| 4 | 35 | 29 | 37 | 25 |  | Little |  | eter was consid rably below the average; and the depth of rain |
| 5 | 33 | 22 | 33 | 18 | N | Brisk |  | was more than an inch above the usual quantity. A tremendous |
| 7 | 30 | 12 | 31 | 6 | SE | Little |  | thunder storm occurred on the 3 rd, about 7 A. M., accompanied |
| 8 | 20 | 6 | 22 | -1 | NW | Ditto |  | at first with high wind, then hail and sleet; the flashes of light- ning being unusually large and vivid. Much rain and snow fell |
| 9 | 33 | 27 | 34 | 23 | S | Brisk |  | between the 10th and 15 th; a rapid thaw took place on the 16 th, |
| 10 | 39 | 31 | 40 | 18 | SE | Little | . 40 | the water at the same time being prevented from sinking into |
| 11 | 39 | 33 | 40 | 26 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | the earth by the frozen crust, which was from 8 to 12 inches in |
| 12 | 39 | 22 | 40 | 17 |  | Ditto |  | depth, where the ground was bare ; the consequences were great |
| 13 | 38 | 32 | 48 | 31 | E | Ditto | . 29 | inundations throughout the country, with loss of life and pro- |
| 14 | 36 | 32 | 40 | 31 | NE | Ditto | . 80 | perty. |
| 15 | 39 | 31 | 40 | 25 | SE | Ditto | . 15 |  |
| 16 | 52 | 40 | 52 | 40 | SW | Brisk | .16 | $\qquad$ Temperature ........ Ditto ...... $35^{\circ} .19$ |
| 178 | 52 47 | 45 33 | 52 47 | 44 | W | Ditto | . 02 | —— Dew Point ........ Ditto ..... ${ }^{\text {. }}$ 34.5 ${ }^{8}$ |
| 19 | 36 | 28 | 47 37 | 29 23 | N | Little | . 24 | - Degree of Dryness . . . Ditto . . . . . 0.61 |
| 20 | 34 | 22 | 37 | 16 |  | Brisk | . 02 | $\qquad$ Degree of Moisture . . Ditto ...... . . 976 $\qquad$ Force of Vapour . . . . Ditto . . . . . . . 200 inch |
| 21 | 38 | 25 | 41 | 20 | NW | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture ...... . . 200 inc |
| 22 | 44 | 32 | 45 | 30 | SW | Little | .10 | Maximum Temperature in the Shade $\ldots$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. $53^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 43 | 32 | 46 | 29 | NW | Ditto | . 10 | Minimum Temperature in ditto . . . . . . . . $56^{\circ}$. |
| 24 | 38 | 26 | 40 | 22 | N | Brisk | :02 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $56^{\circ}$. |
| 25 | 40 | 32 | 44 | 30 | W | Little | . 01 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... -10. |
| 26 | 49 | 43 | 51 | 41 | SW | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of external Air ...... $34^{\circ} .25$ |
| 27 28 | 53 | 34 | 56 | 24 | W | Ditto |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r}28 \\ 29 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 44 | 28 | 44 | 23 |  | Ditto |  | North. . . . 5 days ${ }^{\text {d. East. . . . . } 2 \text { days }}$ |
| 30 | 40 | 32 37 | 48 | 29 | $\stackrel{N}{\mathbf{W}}$ | Ditto | . 02 | South . . . . . 1 .. S. East . . . . . 3 .. |
| 31 | 42 | 28 | 42 | 26 | E | Ditto | . 12 | East. . . . . . $2 .$. N. West . . . . . 5 <br> West.. . . 7.   <br> S. West. . . .   |
|  | 39.90 | 28.61 | 41.11 | 24.35 |  |  | 2.60 | Amount of Rain. . 31 days. . . . . . . . . 2.60 inches. |

FEBRUARY.


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## FEBRUARY.



## MARCH．

| Morning． |  |  |  |  |  | Noon． |  |  |  |  | Night． |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1841. |  | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weather． | Barom． | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weather． | Barom | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weatlier． |
| M． | ${ }^{1} 29.587$ | 38 | 38 |  | Overcast | 29.616 | 42 | 42 | －－ | Cloudy | 29.693 | 35 | 35 | － | Cloudy |
| W． | $2-$ 2． 685 $3-.315$ | 33 | 33 | 二 | Do．\＆Frosty | －．609 | 44 | 44 | － | Slight rain | －． 393 | 43 | 43 | － |  |
| Th． | 4－． 904 | 4 | 4 | － | Clear | －． 393 | 47 | 40 | 7 | Cloudy | －． 665 | 41 | 45 | － | Cloudy |
| F． | 5－．857 | 36 | 36 | － | Ditto \＆Damp | －．890 | 43 | 33 | 10 | Fine | 818 | 39 | 39 |  | Rain |
| －S． | $6-.723$ | 41 | 41 | － | Very Clear | －．852 | 47 | 47 | 7 | Thickly Overcast | －． 299 | 48 | 48 | － | Slight rain |
| $\bigcirc$－ | 730.047 | 51 | 51 | － | Very Fine | 30.096 | 60 | 53 | 7 | Ditto |  | 44 | 44 |  | Fine |
| M． | 8－． 362 | 50 | 50 | － | Overcast | －． 369 | 62 | 55 | 7 | Overcast \＆fine | 30．255 | 45 | 45 | － | tto |
| T． | 9－392 | 42 | 42 | － | Foggy | －．392 | 58 | 53 | 5 | Very Fine | －．385 | 45 | 45 |  | Clear \＆Ditto |
| Th． | 110 － 426 | 38 | 38 | － | Ditto | －． 426 | 59 | 50 | 9 | Ditto | －． 462 | 37 | 37 | － | Ditto |
| Th． 1 | 12－． 1266 | 37 | 37 | － | Dense Fog | －． 424 | 58 | 52 | 6 | Ditto | －．401 | 39 | 39 | － | Clear |
| S． 1 | $13-.331$ | 38 | 38 |  | Slight Fog | －． 323 |  | 48 | 12 | Ditto | －． 273 | 41 | 41 | － | Ditto |
| S． 1 | 14 －． 351 | $4{ }^{\circ}$ | 40 | － | Foggy | 二．337 | 55 | 50 | 5 | Slight Haze | －． 376 | 39 | 39 | － | Foggy |
| $\xrightarrow{\mathrm{M}} \mathrm{T}$. | 15 －． 152 | 38 | 38 | － | Ditto | －．101 | 60 | 55 | 5 | Ditto | －． | 39 | 39 |  | Dense Fog |
| W． | 1629.921 $17-603$ | 37 | 37 |  | Ditto | 29.832 | 63 | 41 | 22 | Cloudless，fine | 29.729 | 44 | 44 |  | Clear |
| Th． | 18－．404 | 50 50 | 50 50 | 二 | Slight rain | －． 577 | 55 | 55 | － | Cloudy \＆showery | －． 583 | 43 | 43 |  | Ditto |
| F． 1 | 19－－．598 | 48 | 44 | 4 | Overcast | －． 450 | 57 | 48 | 9 | Cloudy | －． 525 | 43 | 43 | － | Ditto |
|  | 20－． 647 | 47 | 47 |  | Fine | －． 608 | 54 | 54 |  | Showery | －． 713 | 43 | 43 |  | Clear |
| S． 2 | $21-.625$ | 47 | 47 | － | Very Fine | －．636 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 47 \end{aligned}$ |  | Stormy with rain Cloudy \＆Fine | －． 565 | 43 | 43 |  | Slight Rain |
| M． | 22－362 | 52 | 52 |  |  | －． 391 | 56 | 50 | 8 | Ditto ${ }^{\text {Cloudy }}$ Fine | －． 482 | 49 | 49 |  | Ditto |
| W | 23－．803 | 47 | 47 | － | Fine | －．946 | 58 | 45 | 13 | Fine | 30.128 | 44 | 44 |  | Clear |
| Th．${ }^{\text {F }}$ | 25－123 | 5 | 47 | 3 | Very Fine | 30.222 | 56 | 50 | 6 | Cloudy | －． 192 | 40 | 40 |  | Ditto |
|  | 2629.698 | 54 | 54 |  | Ditto | －． 045 | 61 | 52 | 9 | Very Fine | 29.952 | 41 | 41 |  | Ditto |
| S． | 27 －． 721 | 49 | 49 | － | Overcast | 29．608 |  | 55 | 11 | Ditto | －． 593 | 46 | 46 | － | Cloudy \＆Fin |
|  | 28 －．914 | 39 | 39 | － | Fine | －． 904 |  |  | － | Showery | －． 86 | 40 | 40 | － | Clear |
| D M ． | 39－．922 | 50 | 50 | － | Overcast | －．858 | 55 | 52 | 3 | Ditto | －．．787 | 45 | 43 | 5 | Ditto |
|  | 31－．638 | 45 | 45 |  | Fine | －．915 | 55 | 40 | 15 | Ditto \＆Fine | $-.836$ | 48 | 48 |  | Cloudy \＆Fine |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | －． 598 | 55 | 40 | 15 | Fine butwindy | －． 497 | 45 | 45 |  | Rain |
|  | 29.903 | 43.48 | 43.26 | 0.22 |  | 29.895 | 54.74 | 47．71 | 7.03 |  | 29.886 | 5 | 42.29 |  |  |

## MARCH.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 41 | 27 | 42 | 22 | S | Little | . 10 | This month was on the whole exceedingly fine for the period |
| 2 | 49 | 37 | 53 | 34 | SW | Ditto | . 30 | of the season. Vegetation was in a very dormant state at the |
| 3 | 50 | 29 | 53 | 22 | W | Ditto | . 02 | commencement ; for the three preceding months were of a se- |
| 4 | 46 | 33 | 52 | 29 | W | Little | . 08 | vere character; but in the present the mean temperature was |
| 5 | 50 | 36 | 50 | 32 | S | Brisk | . 22 | nearly $4^{\circ}$ above the average, and by the end of the third week |
| 6 | 52 | 41 | 60 | 38 | NW | Little |  | Peach and Nectarine trees on walls were in blossom, and the |
| 7 | 61 | 42 | 64 | 39 | SW | Ditto |  | common Hawthorn partially in leaf. It was the warmest March |
| 8 | 61 | 35 | 66 | 29 |  | Ditto |  | since 1830. The thermometer was seldom below freezing and |
| 9 10 | 60 63 | 30 27 | 66 69 | 25 | S | Ditto |  | only once so low as $27^{\circ}$. The amount of rain was exactly the average quantity ; still however the barometer was lower than |
| 11 | 64 | 30 | 70 | 24 | SE | Ditto |  | usual. The wind was chiefly from the South and South West, |
| 12 | 67 | 31 | 74 | 25 | SW | Ditto |  | and not so boisterous as is generally the case in this month. |
| 13 | 59 | 37 | 61 | 35 | $\underset{\text { E }}{\text { E }}$ | Ditto |  |  |
| 14 | 57 | 33 | 59 | 28 | W | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.895 inches. |
| 15 | 66 | 30 | 74 | 25 | S | Ditto |  | $\qquad$ Temperature $\qquad$ Ditto $\qquad$ $46^{\circ} .89$ |
| 16 | 65 | 35 | 71 | 30 | S | Ditto |  | - Dew Point . . . . . . . . . Ditto . . . . . $44^{\circ} \cdot 42$ |
| 17 | 56 | 41 | 62 | 36 |  | Ditto | . 01 | —_ Degree of Dryness . . . Ditto . . . . . . ${ }^{2} \cdot 47$ |
| 18 | 56 | 40 | 61 | 35 | SW | Strong |  | __ Fegree of Moisture . . Ditto ...... . . 916 Ditto ..... 295 inch |
| 18 20 | 54 | 34 | 59 | 29 | - | Ditto | . 01 | Least Force of Vapour . . . . Ditto . . . . . . . 295 inch. |
| 20 | 57 | 39 | 60 | 35 | S | Ditto | . 13 | Least observed degree of Moisture . . . . . $67^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}{ }^{546}$ |
| 21 22 | 54 58 | 48 36 | 59 62 | 47 36 | SW | Brisk | . 12 | Maximum Temperature in the Shade . . . . $677^{\circ} 7^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 59 | 43 | 64 | 40 | W | Brisk |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun . . . . 7 74 ${ }^{\circ}$. |
| 24 | 58 | 30 | 64 | 24 | SW | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation . . . . . $22^{\circ}$. |
| 25 | 61 | 32 | 65 | 27 | S | Little |  | Mean Temperature of External Air .... $46^{\circ} .35$ |
| 26 | 65 | 39 | 70 | 34 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | Winds. |
| 27 | 58 | 27 | 65 | 23 | SW | Ditto | . 08 | North ...... .o day $\mid$ N. East. . .... o days |
| 28 | 54 | 40 | 60 | 35 | SW | Ditto |  | South . . . . . 9 .. S. East. . . . . . 1 . |
| 28 30 | 58 | 40 | 64 60 | 36 | SW | Ditto | . 10 | East ....... 1 .. N. West.... 1 . . |
| 30 31 | 55 56 | 41 41 | 60 61 | 39 40 | W | Sitto | . 08 | West....... 6 .. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ S. West . . . . 13 |
|  | 57.09 | 35.61 | 61.93 | 31.45 |  |  | 1.32 | Amount of Rain. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1.32 inch. |

APRIL.


## APRIL.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 52 | 41 | 61 | 36 | W | Little | . 05 |  |
| 2 | 56 | 26 | 61 | 20 | NW | Brisk |  | The mean pressure, temperature, and amount of rain were |
| 3 | 57 | 26 | 63 | 21 |  | Little |  | forward by the fine weather in March ; but it progressed very |
| 4 | 55 56 | 39 35 | 60 62 | 41 30 | SW | Brisk Little | 11 | slowly during the first three weeks of the present month, the |
| 5 | 55 | 31 | 63 | 36 26 | NE | Ditto | . 02 | temperature being low, generally, and often below freezing at |
| 7 | 52 | 37 | 62 | 34 | SW | Ditto | . 03 | night. In the last week, however, a fresh impulse was given to |
| 8 | 53 | 34 | 60 | 30 | W | Brisk |  | vegetation, in consequence of a rise of mean temperature to |
| 9 | 55 | 37 | 62 | 31 | N | Ditto | . 01 | more than $5^{5}$ above the average, with a plentiful supply of moisture. The 24 th and 25 th were boisterous; the 27 th very |
| 11 | 49 | 31 32 32 | 51 | 25 27 | NE | Brisk | . 01 | sultry, with lightning at night. |
| 12 | 45 | 27 | 52 | 21 | - | Ditto |  |  |
| 13 | 56 | 42 | 61 | 41 | SW | Little | . 08 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.839 inches. |
| 14 | 57 | 32 | 62 | 28 |  | Ditto | . 01 | - Temperature . . . . . . . Ditto . . . . . ${ }^{48}{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} .90$ |
| 15 | 58 | 26 | 64 | 21 | NW | Ditto | . 05 | ——Dew Point $\ldots$ Dre...... Ditto ...... ${ }^{44} 4^{.32}$ |
| 17 | 57 60 | 31 39 | 64 66 | 24 <br> 34 | NE | Ditto |  | -Degree of Moisture . . Ditto ...... 84 |
| 18 | 61 | 41 | 65 | 38 | W | Brisk | 14 | - Force of Vapour. . . . . Ditto ...... . 294 inch. |
| 19 | 58 | 32 | 63 | 25 | - | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture ........ ${ }_{70^{0}}{ }^{.43^{2}}$ |
| 20 | 56 | 36 | 63 | 34 |  | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade $\ldots \ldots .{ }^{76^{\circ}} 6^{\circ}$ |
| 21 | 53 | 40 | 59 | 36 | NE | Ditto |  |  |
| 22 | 53 | 41 | 60 | 40 |  | Ditto | $\cdot 32$ | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation $\ldots . . .2^{20^{\circ}}$. |
| 23 | 48 | 28 | 55 | 25 36 | NW | Little | .52 .15 | Mean Temperature of External Air ...... $47^{\circ} .09$ |
| 24 | 56 | 39 | 61 | 36 <br> 5 <br> 1 | SW | Brisk | .15 | Mean Temperature of External Air . . . . . $47^{\circ} .09$ |
| 26 | 59 | 5 | 69 | 51 | sw | Ditto |  | Wind |
| 27 | 75 | 46 | 80 | 43 |  | Little |  | North.... 1 days  <br> South..... $2 .$. N. East...... 9 9 days <br> S. East...... .. |
| 28 | 76 | 45 | 79 80 | 44 36 | NE |  | . 07 | East....... $1 . .$. |
| 29 30 | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \\ & 68 \end{aligned}$ | 42 41 | 80 <br> 81 <br> 1 | 36 35 |  | Ditto |  |  |
|  | 57.40 | 36.79 | 63.70 | 32.76 |  |  | 1.58 | Amount of Rain....................... 1.58 inch, |

MAY.


## [ 11 ]

## MAY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 76 | 42 | 96 | 38 | E | Little |  |  |
| 2 | 76 | 45 | 83 | 45 | SW | Strong | .25 | This month was genial for vegetation throughout. The |
| 3 | 50 | 43 | 61 | 43 | NE | Little | - 30 | amount of rain was greater than usual by rather more than |
| 4 | 69 | 50 | 82 | 49 | S | Ditto | . 70 | half an inch; but the temperature was also higher by $2^{\circ} .7$. |
| 5 | 62 | 46 | 82 | 44 | SW | Strong | . 15 | Nor was the growth of vegetation hence induced unsubstantial like that produced by hear and a continually moist and sunless |
| 6 | 65 | 43 | 73 | 39 |  | Ditto | . 02 | like that produced by heat and a continually moist and sunless |
| 7 | 66 | 47 | 72 | 45 | S | Brisk | . 10 | atmosphere; for notwithstanding the more than usual quantity |
| 8 | 62 | 44 | 65 | 41 | SW | Ditto | .16 | of rain, there were but few days on which a great amount of dryness was not detected by the hygrometer. The 27th was |
| 9 | 65 | 50 | 76 | 49 | - | Ditto |  | dryness was not detected by the hygrometer. The 27 th was hot and sultry ; at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 P. M, sheet lightning, with some |
| 10 | 65 | 46 | 67 | 42 | S | Ditto |  | hot and sultry; at $\frac{3}{4}$ past 8 P. M. sheet lightning, with some of the zig-zag kind, appeared almost continuous; thunder was |
| 11 | 77 | 46 | 80 | 44 | $\xrightarrow[\text { SE }]{\text { S }}$ | Little | . 01 | heard between 10 and 11 , and abrupt showers of rain fell in |
| 12 | 62 | 39 | 82 80 | 33 | NE | Ditto <br> Ditto |  | heavy drops. |
| 13 | 66 | 30 | 79 | 32 33 |  | Ditto |  |  |
| 14 | 65 | 40 | 79 | 33 |  | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observataions 29.858 inches |
| 15 | 74 | 40 | 91 | 35 | SW | Ditto |  | - Temperature ........Ditto...... . $60^{\circ} .06$ |
| 16 | 74 | 49 | 87 | 44 | SW | Ditto | . 01 | -_ Dew Point . . . . . . . . Ditto. . . . . . . 54 ${ }^{\circ} .59$ |
| 17 | 68 | 45 | 75 | 43 |  | Brisk | . 01 | - Degree of Dryness . . . .Ditto. . . . . . 5 $5^{\circ} .47$ |
| 18 | 66 | 46 | 70 65 | 44 45 | S | Strong | . 02 | - Degree of Moisture . . . Ditto . . . . . . . 821 |
| 20 | 61 | 39 | 70 | 33 | SW | Ditto | . 06 | - Force of Vapour ..... Ditto...... . 423 inch. |
| 21 | 69 | 54 | 70 | 52 | E | Little | 16 | Least observed degree of Moisture ...... ${ }_{80} 0^{.410}$ |
| 22 | 68 | 43 | 78 | 39 | S | Ditto | OI | Maximum Temperature in the Shade . . . . . $82^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ Minimum Temperature in ditto . . . . . . . . . $36^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 75 | 46 | 88 | 42 | SE | Brisk |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $96^{\circ}$. |
| 24 | 70 | 51 | 80 | 46 | E | Little |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ....... . $32^{\circ}$. |
| 25 | 73 | 54 | 88 | 54 | NE | Brisk |  | Mean Temperature of External Air ..... . $5^{88^{\circ} .09}$ |
| 27 | 80 | 58 | 90 | 56 |  | Ditto |  |  |
| 27 | 82 | 60 | 92 | 59 | SW | Ditto | . 03 | Wisids. |
| 28 | 80 | 51 | 96 | 47 | SW | Little |  | North...... 1 days ${ }^{\text {N. East . . . } 7 \text { days }}$ |
| 29 | 72 | 54 | 80 | 54 | $\stackrel{\text { N }}{\text { N }}$ | Ditto | -03 | South...... 5 .. S. East ..... 1 .. |
| 30 31 | 74 | 49 | 80 | 46 | NW | Ditto <br> Ditto |  | East . . . . . . 3 .. N.West . . . 1 |
| 31 | 78 | 49 | 95 | 44 | W | Ditto |  | West....... 2 .. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ S. West. . . 11 |
|  | 69.35 | 46.83 | 79.13 | 43.87 |  |  | 2.16 | $31 \text { days. }$ <br> Amount of Rain $\qquad$ |

JUNE.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1841. | Barom | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. |
| T. | 30.122 | 65 | 60 | 5 | Very Fine | 30.137 | 71 | 56 | 15 | Overcast \& fine | 30.137 | 56 | 56 |  | Clear |
| Th. | -. 177 | 63 | 58 | 5 | Ditto | -. 167 | 70 | 59 | 11 | Very Fine | -. 177 | 62 | 62 | - | Cloudy \& Fine |
| Th. | -.173 | 63 | 50 | 13 | Ditto \& dry | -. 157 | 70 | 42 | 28 | Ditto \& Dry | -. 254 | 53 | 53 | - | Clear |
| $\stackrel{1}{\text { F. }}$ | -.357 | 59 | 47 | 12 | Ditto cast | -. 329 | 67 | 45 | 22 | Ditto | -. 300 | 55 | 55 |  | Fine |
| S. | -.210 | 62 | 50 | 12 | Slightly Over- | -. 128 | 70 | 50 | 20 | Ditto | -. 004 | 51 | 51 |  | Rain |
| M. | 29.981 <br> -.921 | 56 | 46 | 10 | Fine | 29.967 | 61 | 46 | 15 | Ditto | 29.923 | 49 | 49 |  | Slight Rain |
| T. | -.965 | 52 | 44 48 | 8 | Cloudy \& cold | -.936 | 55 | 55 |  | Showery \& cold | -.956 | 48 | 48 |  | Ditto |
| W. | -.947 | 50 | 48 | 4 | Ditto | -.942 | 58 | 47 50 | $\begin{array}{r}11 \\ 8 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | Cloudy | -.974 | 49 | 49 | - | ${ }_{\text {Cloudy }}$ |
| Th. ${ }^{1} 1$ | -.815 | 54 | 50 | 4 | Overcast | -. 762 | 65 | 54 | 11 | Very Fine | -. 669 | 52 | 52 | - | Ditto \& Fine |
| ( ${ }_{\text {c }}^{\text {S. }} 1$ | -687 | 52 | 50 | 2 | Do. \& Cold | - 712 | 56 | 50 | 6 | Cloudy \& cold | -. 775 | 50 | 45 | 5 | Cloudy \& Do. |
| - S. 1 | - 3.807 | 5 | 50 | 2 | Slight Rain | -.903 | 55 | 50 | 5 | Overcast | -. 973 | 44 | 44 |  |  |
| M. 1 | --047 | 57 | 50 | 7 | Fine but cold | 30.040 29.959 | 59 70 | 48 | 11 | Very Fine | -.944 | 43 | 43 |  | Ditto |
|  | 29895 | 56 | 56 |  | Slight drizzle | -.946 | 64 | 52 | 12 | Cloudy \& Do. | -.906 | 54 | 54 |  | Overcast |
| Th. 1 | 30.208 | 58 | $4+$ | 14 | Fine, dry air | 30.186 | 69 | 50 | 19 | Very Fine | -. 111 | 47 | 47 | - | Clear |
| F. ${ }^{\text {S. }}$ | 29.788 |  | 50 | 13 | Cloudy, Do. | -. 044 | 68 | 50 | 18 | Cloudy \& Do. | 29.875 | 48 | 48 | - | Ditto [ning |
| S. | -. 607 | 60 | ¢0 | - | Cloudy | 29716 -.613 | 80 | 58 | 22 | Sultry | -. 605 | 60 | 60 |  | Rain, light |
|  | -. 759 | 62 | 58 | 4 | Very Fine | -. 740 | 66 | $\epsilon 6$ | - | Slight Rain |  | 52 | 52 |  | ${ }_{\text {Clea }}$ |
| ${ }_{7}{ }^{1} \cdot 1$ | -.769 | 65 | 61 | 4 | Fine | -854 | 66 | 66 | - | Heavyshowers | -. 959 | 52 | 52 |  | Showery |
| W. ${ }^{2}$ | - 30.028 | 61 |  | 6 | Very Fine | 30.030 | 69 | 55 | 14 | Cloudy | -. 994 | 54 | 54 |  | Fine |
| Th. | 29741 | 63 | 60 | 3 | Do. Overcast | 29.913 | 64 | 64 | - | Heavy rain | -.812 | 54 | 54 | - | Cloudy |
| $\stackrel{\text { F. }}{ }$ | -. 514 | 59 |  | - | Heavy Rain |  |  |  |  | Ditto | -. 639 | 58 | 58 |  | Overcast |
| S. | -.toj | 68 | 68 |  | Cloudy | -. 498 | 6 | 65 | 5 | Fine | -543 | 58 | 58 |  | Ditto |
|  | -.951 | 56 | 56 | - | Showery | -. 979 | 68 | 68 | 4 | Showery ${ }^{\text {do }}$ | -774 | 54 | 54 |  | Clear |
|  | -. 981 | 56 | 56 | - | Rain | -. 924 | 60 | 60 |  | Ditto | 29.773 | 5 | 52 |  | Rain |
|  | -. 966 | 62 |  | ${ }_{2}$ | Cloudy <br> Fine | 二.743 | 66 64 | 62 | 4 | Ditto | -817 | 54 | 54 |  | Cloudy |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | -.927 | 64 | 60 | 4 | Fine | 30.093 | 53 | 53 | - | Fine |
|  | 29.931 | 58.56 | 53.93 | 4.63 |  | 29.919 | 65.23 | 55.47 | 9.76 |  | 29.917 | 52.13 | 51.9 |  |  |

## [ 13 ]

JUNE.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 72 | 47 | 91 | 42 | NE | Little |  |  |
| 2 | 75 | 53 | 89 | 48 | W | Ditto |  |  |
| 3 | 73 | 4 | 90 | 35 |  | Ditto |  | In this month the supply of moisture was abundant; but heat |
| 4 | 72 | 46 | 95 | 41 | NW | Ditto |  | was deficient. The mean temperature, instead of progressing, |
| 5 | 73 | 46 | 90 | 40 | W | Brisk | . 03 | fell $2^{\circ}$ lower than that of the preceding month, and was 46. ${ }^{\circ}$ |
|  | 59 57 | $4{ }_{4}^{4}$ | 68 | 35 45 | $\stackrel{N}{\text { N }}$ | Brisk | . 02 | and cold notherly winds were then prevalent. The last half of |
| 8 | 56 | 46 | 60 | 44 |  | Ditto |  | the month was generally cloudy and wet. On the 2 3rd nearly |
| 9 | 57 | 39 | 68 | 32 | NE | Ditto |  | half an inch of rain fell in less than an hour. |
| 10 | 71 | 41 | 80 | 34 | N | Little |  |  |
| 11 | 54 | 45 | 64 56 | 43 29 | NE | $\xrightarrow{\text { Brisk }}$ Little | . 01 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.922 inches. |
| 13 | ${ }^{53}$ | 37 | 68 | 33 | NW | Ditto |  | -Temperature ........ Ditto .... $58^{\circ} .64$ |
| 14 | 72 | 53 | 77 | 50 | - | Ditto |  | ——Dew Point .......... Ditto ..... $53^{\circ} .79$ |
| 15 16 | 69 | 36 | 77 | 28 3 |  | Brisk | . 01 | —— Degree of Dryness ... Ditto ..... $4^{\circ} .85$ |
| 16 | 72 | $4{ }^{1}$ | 77 | 35 | S | Little |  | —— Force of Vapour ..... Ditto .......$_{.413}$ inch. |
| 17 18 | 70 80 80 | 41 54 | 77 85 | 35 53 | - | Ditto Ditto | . 24 | Least observed degree of Moisture ..... ${ }^{\text {a }}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 19 | 69 | 45 | 74 | 43 | W | Ditto | .08 | Maximum Temperature in the Shade. . . . $80^{\circ}$. |
| 20 | 66 | 54 | 70 | 52 | SW | Brisk | . 02 | Minimum Temperature in ditto ....... $3^{36}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 21 | 71 | 47 | 76 | 43 |  | Ditto | . 26 |  |
| 22 | 73 | 46 | 77 | 41 | W | Little | . 01 | Mean Temperature of External Air ...... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ( $6^{\circ} .23$ |
| 23 | 73 | 44 | 79 | 40 | S | Ditto | . 40 | Mean Temperature of External Air ..... 56.23 |
|  | 72 | 54 | 80 | 52 | SW | Ditto Brisk | . 49 |  |
| 26 | 67 | 54 52 5 | 74 71 | 50 |  | Ditto | . 04 | Winds. |
| 27 | 70 | 52 | 72 | 48 | W | Little | . 10 | North.......4days ${ }^{\text {N. East......4 days }}$ |
| 28 | 62 | 50 | 73 | 48 | S | Ditto | . 65 |  |
| 29 | 69 | 48 | 73 | 45 | SW | Ditto | . 07 | East $\ldots \ldots \ldots .0$  <br> West $\ldots \ldots .$. .. |
| 30 | 67 | 52 | 72 | 51 | NW | Ditto | . 01 |  |
|  | 67.30 | 45.16 | $75 \cdot 43$ | 42.37 |  |  | 2.45 | Amount of Rain............ 2.45 inches. |

[ 14 ]

## JULY.



## JULY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 63 | 59 | 66 | 59 | SW | Little | . 05 |  |
| 2 | 69 | 60 | 72 | 59 | W | Ditto | .01 |  |
| 3 | 79 | 55 | 84 | 52 | SW | Ditto | .04 | but it was still $2^{\circ}$ below the average. The amount of rain was |
| 4 | 69 | 53 57 | 72 | 52 | NE | Brisk |  |  |
| 5 | 75 | 57 | 80 | 57 | NE | Little | . 59 | 15 th was remarkable, being very little short of an inch and a half |
| 7 | 72 67 | 52 53 | 77 | 48 50 | SW | Brisk | . 03 | and mostly as heavy thunder-showers. The morning was fine; |
| 8 | 67 | 45 | 72 | 40 | W | Little | . 01 | but before noon the clouds, in dense dark masses, were observed |
| 9 | 71 | 44 | 76 | 38 | W | Ditto |  | to be in great commotion. The storm broke forth with great |
| 10 | 71 | 49 | 76 | 49 | SW | Ditto | .36 |  |
| 11 | 70 | 43 | 68 | 48 | NW | Ditto |  | but less violent occurrence of thunder and lightning. |
| 12 | 64 | 44 | 68 | 41 | W | Ditto | . 02 |  |
| 13 | 68 | 42 | 74 | 36 | SW | Brisk | . 02 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.819 inches. |
| 14 | 66 | 45 | 75 | 40 | SW | Little | . 07 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations ${ }^{29.819}$ inches. |
| 15 | 68 | 51 | 77 | 50 | S | Ditto | 1.46 | - Dew Point . . . . . . . . . Ditto...... $57^{\circ} .01$ |
| 16 | 72 75 | 44 | 76 80 | 41 | N | Ditto | . 11 | - Degree of Dryness . . . Ditto. . . . . . $3^{\circ} .97$ |
| 17 18 | 75 | 49 | 80 | 46 | $\stackrel{\text { SW }}{\text { NW }}$ | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture. . . . Ditto....... . 872 |
| 19 | 75 | 48 | 84 | 45 | W | Ditto |  | - Force of Vapour. . . . . Ditto....... .463 inch. |
| 20 | 63 | 54 | 65 | 55 | SW | Ditto | . 07 | Least observed degree of Moisture....... $0^{.512}$ |
| 21 | 67 | 54 | 70 | 51 | W | Ditto | . 10 |  |
| 22 | 67 | 51 | 72 | 48 | W | Brisk | . 22 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ..... $84^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 64. | 53 | 71 | 50 | NW | Little | . 01 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... $36^{\circ}$. |
| 24 | 60 | 50 | 71 | 46 | NE | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of External Air...... $59^{\circ} \cdot 30$ |
| 25 | 68 | 51 | 77 | 48 | SW | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of Extmal Air....... S9.j0 |
| 26 | 72 | 53 | 78 | 49 | SW | Ditto |  | Wixds. |
| 27 | 70 | 49 | 78 | 52 | NW | Ditto |  | North..... 1 days 1 N. East ....3 days |
| 28 | 72 | 47 | 76 | 44 | SW | Brisk |  | North....... 1 daysN. East $\ldots . .3$ days <br> South |
| 29 | 65 | 48 | 75 | 44 | W | Strong | . 01 | South .......2 .. S. East. . . . . 0 <br> East ....... .. N. West. . . 5 <br> ..   |
| 30 | 63 62 | 48 44 | 75 66 | 44 | NW | Little <br> Brisk |  |  |
| 31 | 62 | 44 | 66 | 41 | W | Brisk | . 11 |  |
|  | 68.61 | 50.00 | 74.06 | $47 \cdot 58$ |  |  | 3.56 | Amount of Rain ................ 31 days. 56 inches. |

AUGUST.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1841. Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. |
| S.   <br>  M. 29.790 <br> $\mathbf{2}$ -.937  | 60 | 60 |  | Slight Rain | 29.833 | 64 | 64 |  | Slight showers | 29.923 -.765 | 55 57 | 55 |  | Cloudy \& Fine Rain |
|  | 60 | 58 68 |  |  | -.910 $-\quad .630$ | 61 | 58 |  | Fine, Cloudy, mild | -.765 --.411 | 57 | 57 | - | Ditto |
| W. $4{ }^{3}-. .985$ | 63 | 63 59 |  | Hazy Rain | -. 613 | 73 70 | 63 |  | Cloudy | $-.785$ | 57 | 57 | - | Fine |
| Th. $5-.742$ | 65 | 61 | 4 | Fine | -. 688 | 64 | 64 | - | Slight Rain | $-.609$ | 57 | 57 |  | Rain |
| F. 6-.663 | 59 | 59 | - | Overcast | $-.777$ | 66 | 56 | 10 | Fine | -.851 | 59 | 59 | - | Ditto |
| S. $7-.893$ | 62 | 60 | 2 | Light clouds | $-.873$ | 71 | 63 | 8 | Ditto | -. 798 | 59 | 59 | - | Overcast \& Fine |
| S. ${ }^{\text {8 }}$-. 716 | 61 | 61 | - | Rain | $-.635$ | 70 | 65 |  | Ditto, Clouds | -.619 | 58 | 56 | 2 | Overcast |
| M. 9-. 596 | $5^{8}$ | 55 | 3 | Fine | -.611 | 67 | 56 | 11 | Very Fine | -.684 | 52 | 52 | - | ear |
| ( T. $10-.797$ | 65 | 55 | 10 | Ditto | -. 800 | 69 | 57 |  | Ditto | -. 678 | 55 | 55 | - | Rain |
| W. 11-463 | 62 | 62 | - | Stormy \& Wer | -. 458 | 68 | 68 | - | Cloudy | -.662 | 53 | 53 | - | Ditto |
| Th. $12-.888$ | 59 | 54 | 5 | Fine | $-.923$ | 62 | 50 |  | Ditto | -.913 | 45 | 45 | - | Clear |
| F. $13-.886$ | 58 | 58 | - | Overcast | -. 848 | 68 | 58 | 10 | Cloudy | -. 772 | 56 | 56 | - | Overcast |
| S. $14-.599$ | 64 | 64 | - | Rain | -. 637 | 70 | 70 | - | Showery | -.719 | 55 | 55 | - | Clear |
| S. $15-.709$ | 65 | 63 | 2 | Fine | -.687 | 67 | 58 |  | Cloudy \& Fine | -. 746 | 54 | 54 | - | Ditto |
| - M. 16-.851 | 62 | 62 | - | Slightly Overcast | -. 886 | 72 | 65 |  | Ditto | -.921 | 57 | 57 | - | Ditto |
| T. 1730.000 | 64 | 63 | 1 | Overcast | -.969 | 74 | 67 |  | Ditto | 30.056 | 62 | 60 | 2 | Overcast |
| W. 18-.140 | 62 | 61 | 1 | Hazy | 30.147 | 75 | 62 |  | Ditto | -. 173 | 62 | 62 | - | Do. \& Fine |
| Th. 19-.197 | 60 | 58 | 2 | Very Fine | -. 166 | 72 | 60 | 12 | Very Fine | -. 006 | 55 | 55 | - | Clear |
| F. 2029.628 | 62 | 60 | 2 | Overcast | 29.681 | 71 | 52 | 19 | Ditto | 29.734 | 58 | 58 | - | Fine |
| S. $21-903$ | 59 | 59 | - | Fine | -. 850 | 69 | 63 |  | Cloudy | -. 797 | 52 | 52 |  | Clear |
| S. $22-800$ | 56 | 56 | - | Cloudy | -. 870 | 65 | 65 |  | Ditto | -. 874 | 59 | 59 | - | Slight Rain |
| D M. 23-.797 | 57 | 57 | - | Rain | $-.850$ | 68 | 55 |  | Ditto \& Fine | -. 884 | 54 | 54 | - | Overcast |
| T. 2430.048 | 54 | 54 | - | Clear | 30.094 | 56 | 56 |  | Showers | 30.089 | 54 | 54 |  | Clear <br> Overcast |
| W. 25-.079 | 59 | 59 |  | Drizzly | -. 059 | 62 | 62 |  | Drizzly | -. 079 | 60 | 60 | - | Overcast |
| Th. $26-.18 \mathrm{I}$ | 61 | 61 | - | Hazy \& Mild | -. 225 | 74 | 72 |  | ${ }^{\text {Very Fine }}$ | -. 213 | 62 | 62 | - | Do. \& Fine |
| F. $27-.244$ | 69 | 69 | - | Heavy Dew | 18 | 80 | 70 |  | Cloudy \& Hot | -. 142 | 64 | 64 | - | Ditto |
| S. $28-.189$ | 57 | 57 | - | Foggy | -. 171 | 70 | 65 |  | Very Fine | -. 125 | 58 | 58 | - | Clear \& Fine |
| S. 29-. 159 | 65 | 63 |  | Slight Fog | -. 0.50 | 78 | 70 |  | Ditto | 29.920 |  |  |  | Ditto |
| M. 3029.998 | 61 | 61 |  | Foggy [Fine | 29.921 | 75 | 66 |  | Ditto | -. 840 | 60 | 60 | - | Ditto |
| T. 31-.732 | 64 | 64 |  | Cloudy Very | -. 729 | 73 | 65 | 8 | Overcast | -. 844 | 54 | 54 | - | Overcast |
| 29.858 | 61.03 | 59.87 | 1.16 |  | 29.864 | 69.16 | 62.26 | 6.90 |  | 29.859 | 56.80 | 56.67 | O. |  |

## AUGUST.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 66 | 49 | 72 | 43 | SW | Little | . 02 | The weather still continued moist; but in this month an average |
| 2 | 70 | 58 | 75 | 58 |  | Ditto | - 38 | temperature was fully maintained, south and south-west winds |
| 3 | 73 | 57 | 77 | 58 |  | Brisk | -38 | being prevalent. The mean height of the barometer was nearly |
| 4 | 69 | 57 | 72 | 55 | $\xrightarrow{\text { N }}$ | Ditto |  | $\frac{1}{10}$ of an inch lower than usual. The temperature during the days |
| 5 | 64 | 57 | 72 | 56 | SW | Ditto | . 01 | was below the average in the first half of the month; but the |
| 6 | 67 | 57 | 72 | 56 | W | Ditto | . 07 | minimum at nights averaged higher than it generally does at this |
| 7 | 74 | 58 52 | 78 70 | 56 | S | Ditto | . 01 | period of the season, which is to be accounted for in consequence of the clouded state of the atmosphere. A great change how- |
| 8 | 67 | 52 | 70 | 50 43 | W | Ditto | . 01 | ever took place in the last week, the mornings being then foggy, |
| 10 | 70 68 | 49 | 74 | 54 | S | Brisk | . 36 | and the days hot. |
| 11 | 68 | 46 | 74 | 43 | SW | Ditto | . 30 |  |
| 12 | 65 | 41 | 74 | 36 | NW | Little |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.860 inches. |
| 13 | 70 | 54 | 71 | 53 | S | Ditto | - 30 | - Temperature........ Ditto. . . . . $62{ }^{\text {d }}$. 33 |
| 14 | 72 | 54 | 77 | 50 | SW | Brisk | . 04 | -_Dew Point. . . . . . . . . . Ditto . . . . . $59^{\circ} .60$ |
| 15 | 70 | 50 | 77 | 46 | S | Ditto |  | ——Degree of Dryness....Ditto..... $2^{\circ} .73$ |
| 16 | 74 | 58 | 80 | 52 | S | Little |  | __ Degree of Moisture...Ditto..... . 910 |
| 17 | 75 | 56 | 80 | 53 | W | Ditto |  | - Force of Vapour ..... Ditto..... . 507 inch. |
| 18 | 76 | 56 | 81 | 53 | SW | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture......$^{.520}$ |
| 19 | 77 | 47 | 82 | 42 | SW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade.... $81{ }^{\circ}$. |
| 20 | 80 | 51 | 85 | 48 | W | Brisk |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto....... $41^{\circ}$. |
| 21 | 72 | 48 | 85 | 42 | S | Little |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun .... $102^{\circ}$. |
| 22 | 68 | 54 | 85 | 52 |  | Brisk | - $5^{8}$ | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ..... $36^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 72 | 44 | 85 | 39 | W | Little | . 01 | Mean Temperature of External Air . . . . $62^{\circ} \cdot 4^{8}$ |
| 24 | 67 | 45 | 71 | 40 | N | Ditto | $\cdot 13$ |  |
| 25 | 67 | 60 | 70 | 56 | SW | Ditto | .07 | Winds. |
| 26 | 79 | 62 | 83 | 60 |  | Ditto |  | North ...... 2 days N. East..... o days |
| 27 28 | 81 | 51 52 | 86 | 48 48 | W | Ditto |  | North ...... 2 days N. East.... o days <br> South ...... 7 .. S. East. . . |
| 29 | 81 | 51 | 101 | 50 | SW | Ditto |  | East....... 0 . . N. West .... 2 .. |
| 30 | 80 | 67 | 102 | 64 | S | Ditto |  | West...... 8 . . S. West..... 12 |
| 31 | 74 | 45 | 95 | 41 | NW | Ditto | . 02 |  |
|  | 72.03 | 52.93 | 79.61 | 49.84 |  |  | 2.69 | Amount of Rain ................... 2.69 inches. |

## SEPTEMBER.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1841. |  | Barom. | Hyg | neter |  | Weather. | Barum. |  | mete |  | Weather. | Barom. |  | romet |  | Weather. |
|  |  | 30.076 | 57 | 52 | 5 | Cloudy \& Fine | 29.991 | 66 | 50 | 16 | Very Fine | 30.092 | 47 | 47 | - | Clear |
|  |  | 29.843 | 55 | 55 | - | Slight Fog | -. 757 | 69 | 62 | 7 | Ditto | 29.752 | 51 | 51 | - | Do. \& mild |
|  |  | -691 |  | 62 | - | Very Fine | -.618 | 72 | 72 | - | Showery | $-.439$ | 60 | 60 | - | Rain |
|  |  | . 444 | 51 | 51 | - | Rain | -. 622 | 49 | 49 | - | Stormy \& wet | $-.775$ | 44 | 44 | - | Cloudy \& Cold |
|  |  | -. 823 | 53 | 46 | 7 | Cloudy \& fine | -. 785 | 53 | 53 | - | Rain | -. 753 | 41 | 41 | - | Foggy \& Do. |
|  |  | -. 721 | 45 | 45 | - | Dense Fog | $-.704$ | 60 | 50 | 10 | Slight haze | -. 725 | 44 | 44 | - | Ditto |
|  |  | -. 734 | 55 | 55 | - | Foggy | -. 670 | 56 | 56 |  | Rain | -. 582 | 55 | 55 | - | Cloudy |
| © W ${ }_{\text {W }}$ |  | -.717 | 59 | 59 | - | Fine | -. 798 | 68 | 66 | 2 | Fine | -.951 | 54 | 54 | - | Ditto |
| F. | 10 | 29.985 | 58 | 58 | - | Hazy | -.980 | 67 | 66 | 1 | Overcast\&Do. | -.959 | 60 | 58 | 2 | Do. and Fine |
| S. | 11 | 30.052 | 54 | 54 | - | Ditto | -.999 | 70 | 68 | 2 | Very Fine | 30.002 | 56 | 36 |  | Clear \& Fine |
| S. | 12 | 29.923 | 66 | 65 | - | Very Fine | 29.598 | 78 | 68 | 14 | Ditto | 29.976 -.820 | 62 | 62 61 | - | Ditto Ditto Ditto |
| M. | 13 | -. 843 | 65 | 65 | - | Slight haze | -.838 | 78 | 73 | 5 | Hot | -.815 | 63 | 63 | - | Ditto |
| - W | 14 | -. 803 | 64 | 62 | 2 | Dry haze | -. 589 | 78 | 70 | 8 | Ditto | $-.763$ | 64 | 64 | - | Cloudy |
|  |  | -. 886 | 63 | 63 | - | Very Fine | -. 866 | 73 | 57 | 16 | Very Fine | $-.847$ | 58 | 58 | - | Rain |
| Th. |  | -.830 | 64 | 64 | - | Ditto | -.820 | 66 | 60 | 6 | Ditto | $-8 \% 6$ | 50 | 50 | - | Clear |
|  |  | -. 967 | 52 | 52 | - | Clear | -954 | 65 | 50 | 15 | Do., cloudless | -.913 | 47 | 47 | - | Ditto |
|  |  | -.903 | 49 | 49 | - | Foggy | -. 892 | 68 | 58 | 10 | Ditto | $-.897$ | 49 | 49 | - | Ditto |
|  | 9 | $-.996$ | 52 | 52 | - | Ditro | -. 972 | 68 | 61 | 7 | Ditio | 30.037 | 59 | 59 | - | Overcast |
| ${ }^{\mathrm{T}} \mathrm{T}$. | 21 | 30.109 | 62 60 | 62 | - | Hazy \& mild | 30.096 | 70 | 65 | 5 | Dry Haze | -. 056 | 60 | 00 | - | Ditto |
| ${ }^{\text {D }}$ W |  | 29.969 -.619 | 60 | 60 |  | Hazy | 29.849 | 66 | 65 |  | Ditto | 29.700 | 55 | 55 | - | Clear and fine |
|  |  | -.617 | 56 | 56 | - | Ditto | -. 627 | 70 | 62 | 8 | Very Fine | -.613 | 56 | 56 | - | Cloudy |
|  |  | -. 526 | 57 | 57 |  | Cloudy | -.602 | 59 | 59 |  | Heavy Rain | -. 578 | 51 | 51 | - | Do. and Rain |
| S. 2 |  | -. 398 | 55 | 53 | - | Heavy showers | -. 435 | 62 | 62 |  | Cloudy | -. 480 | 53 | 53 | - | Rain |
| S. 2 S. 26 | M. | -. 447 | 56 | 56 |  | Cloudy | -.422 | 60 | 60 |  | Ditto | -. 481 | 54 | 54 | - | Overcast \& mild |
|  |  | -.471 | 55 | 55 | - | Overcast | -. 567 | 68 | 65 | 3 | Fine | -. 512 | 53 | 53 |  | Stormy with rain |
|  |  | -.328 | 60 | 60 |  | Rain | -. 310 | 64 |  | - | Rain | $-.381$ | 65 | 65 | - | Cloudy boisterous |
|  | 30 | -. 1.177 | 59 58 | 59 58 |  | Slight Rain | $-.267$ | 63 | 60 | 3 | Boisterous | 200 | 55 | 55 | - | Clear \& Fine |
|  |  | . 77 | 5 |  | - | Slight Rain | -. 172 | 62 |  |  | Do. with Rain | -.413 | 52 | 52 | - | Ditto |
| 29.73657 .3656 .860 .50 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29.711 | . 96 | . 33 | . 63 |  | 29.728 | 4.46 | $4 \cdot 40$ | 0.06 |  |

SEPTEMBER.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pis. |  |
| 1 | 72 | 36 | 90 | 32 | S | Little |  |  |
| 2 | 73 | 48 | 91 | 42 |  | Brisk |  | This month was warmer than usual and more moist. The |
| 3 | 72 | 50 | 89 | 49 | SW | Little | . 48 | mean temperature was upwards of $2^{\circ}$ above the average; and |
| 4 | 55 | 41 | 90 | 39 | W | Strong | . 32 | the amount of rain was nearly an inch excess. The barome- |
| 5 | ${ }_{6}^{56}$ | 36 37 | 62 72 | 31 36 | ${ }_{\text {E }}^{\text {E }}$ | Little | . 04 | ter was low throughout. During the first three weeks there |
| 7 | 62 | 49 | 65 | 46 |  | Ditto | .17 | were however intervals of dry weather, favourable for the process of ripening ; but from the zist to the end of the month there |
| 8 | 78 | 51 | 88 | 47 | SW | Ditto | . 17 | was not one wholly dry day. Upwards of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain fell |
| 9 | 68 | 56 | 72 | 54 | S | Ditto |  | in the last 10 days. The 27th was stormy with heavy rain and |
| 10 | 74 78 78 | 55 | 92 93 | 53 | SW | Ditto |  | much lightning at night. The 28th and 29 th were boisterous. |
| 12 | 84 | 56 | $\begin{array}{r}93 \\ 104 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 52 <br> 54 | SE | Ditto |  |  |
| 13 | 79 | 59 | 98 98 | 54 56 | E | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.725 inches. |
| 14 | 78 | 55 | 96 | 50 | SE | Ditto |  | 三- Dew Perature ........ Ditto ...... $55^{59} .26$ |
| 15 16 | 66 | 55 | 97 | 52 | S | Brisk | . 06 |  |
| 17 | 71 69 | 41 | 9 | 36 36 | w | Little | . 01 | - - Degree of Moisture . . Ditto ...... . 934 |
| 18 | 72 | 40 | 90 | 33 | S | Ditto |  | Least Force of Vapour ..... Ditto ...... . 468 |
| 19 20 | 74 | 54 | 94 | 51 | E | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade ..... $84^{\circ} 0^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 20 21 | 71 | 60 | 89 | 58 | SE | Ditto |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto ......... $36^{0^{\circ}}$ |
| 21 22 | 70 70 | 56 | 87 90 | 54 50 | E | Brisk Ditto | .10 .30 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ....... $104^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 66 | 52 49 | 70 | 50 46 |  | Ditto | . 30 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... $31^{\circ}$. |
| 24 | $\epsilon_{4}$ | 50 | 69 | 46 | sw | Ditto | . 25 | Mean Temperature of External Air .... $59^{\circ} .44$ |
| 25 26 | 65 64 6 | 50 | 77 69 | 48 | s | Ditto | - 30 |  |
| 27 | 67 | 54 | 83 | 48 52 | W | Ditto | $\begin{array}{r}.27 \\ . \\ \hline\end{array}$ | North...... o days ${ }^{\text {Wrinds. }}$ N. East .... days |
| 28 | 64 | 56 | 65 | 53 | S | Little | . 15 |  |
| 29 | 65 | 54 | 79 | 50 |  | Strong | . 35 | East........4 4 .. N. West..... |
| 30 | 65 | 44 | 66 | 40 | SW | Ditto | 11 | West ...... 3 .. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ S. West .... 6 |
|  | 68.83 | 49.66 | 83.56 | $46 \cdot 46$ |  |  | $3 \cdot 71$ | Amount of Rain 30 days. |

OCTOBER.


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| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 64 | 43 | 73 | 40 | N | Little | . 20 | This was an exceedingly wet month the amount of rain being |
| 2 | 63 | 42 | 72 | 37 | W | Ditto |  | upward of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. There were only 4 days on which rain |
| 3 | 63 | 51 | 79 | 49 | NW | Ditto | .13 | did not fall. The barometer was remarkably low on the 6th, |
| 4 | 61 | 49 | 79 | 47 | NE | Ditto | . 36 | 7 th and 24th; and its average height was lower than in any |
| 5 | 62 | 43 | 59 68 | 43 | $\underset{\text { S }}{\text { S }}$ | Brisk | .22 | month during the preceding 15 years at least. On the 18 th |
| 6 7 | 61 61 | 41 | 70 | 37 | SW | Ditto | . 04 | the tide at Chiswick rose higher than it has done since the 28th |
| 8 | 57 | 45 | 68 | 40 |  | Ditto | . 03 | December, 1821. The mean temperature was about a degree below the average. Frost at night occurred only twice; that |
| 9 | 57 | 42 | 66 | 39 | W | Little | .03 | on the 21st was such as to destroy the Dahlia flowers. The |
| 10 | 59 | 50 | 64 | 47 | S | Ditto | .21 | ground was so deluged as to be rendered totally unfit for being |
| 11 | 63 | 45 | 68 | 43 | SW | Brisk | . 34 | properly worked; and for most garden operations the weather |
| 12 | 57 | 42 | 58 | 40 | W | Ditto | .24 | was very unfavourable. |
| 13 | 58 | 50 | 64 | 48 | NW | Ditto | . 04 |  |
| 14 | 64 | 53 | 68 | 50 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.538 inches |
| 15 | 60 | 41 | 75 | 37 | NW | Brisk | . 50 | - Temperature . . . . . . . Vitto . . . . . $49^{\circ} .98$ |
| 16 | 58 | 42 | 58 | 39 | W | Ditto | . 04 | - Dew Point ......... Ditto . . . . . $49^{\circ} .55$ |
| 17 | 63 | 48 | 64 | 47 | - | Strong | . 01 | - Degree of Dryness ... Ditto ..... $1^{\circ} \cdot 43$ |
| 18 | 58 | 43 | 60 | 41 | - | Brisk | . 42 | - Degree of Moisture . . . Ditto . . . . . . 970 |
| 19 | 51 | 31 | 60 | 29 | NW | Ditto |  | _- Force of Vapour ..... Ditto ...... . 355 inch. |
| 20 | 56 | 37 | 60 | 33 | SW | Ditto | . 04 | Least observed degree of Moisture ...... $64^{.581}$ |
| 21 | 50 | 26 | 64 | 22 | W | Little |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade . . . $64^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 22 | 57 | 38 | 60 | 33 | SE | Ditto | . 01 | Minimum Temperature in ditto . . . . . $266^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 57 | 45 | 59 | 42 | S | Brisk | .21 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $79^{\circ}$. |
| 24 | 56 | 31 | 59 | 27 | SW | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation Mean Temperature of External Air |
| 25 | 54 | 35 | 56 | 29 | SW | Little | .01 | Mean Temperature of External Air .... $49^{\circ} .86$ |
| 26 | 51 | 42 | 52 | 41 | NE | Ditto | .11 | Winds. |
| 27 | 49 | 45 | 49 | 45 | - | Brisk | -92 | North. . . . . . 1 days. ${ }^{\text {N }}$ N. East. . . . . 6 days. |
| 28 | 48 | 43 | 48 | 40 | - | Ditto | . 10 | South...... 3 .. S. East ..... 2 .. |
| 29 | 50 | 45 | 50 | 44 |  | Ditto | . 09 | East........ . $0 .$. N. West ..... 4 . .. |
| 30 | 49 | 45 | 50 | 45 |  | Ditto Ditto | . 06 |  |
| 31 | 53 | 44 | 53 | 44 | SE | Ditto | . 19 |  |
|  | 57.09 | 42.64 | 62.35 | 39.96 |  |  | 4.61 |  |

## NOVEMBER.



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| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sur. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| ' | 52 | 45 | 60 | 44 | W | Little | . 10 | The weather was hazy up to the 1oth, but with little rain From this date to the end of the month there were only four dry |
| 2 | 55 | 37 | 65 | 35 | NE | Ditto |  | From this date to the end of the month there were onty four dry days, the amount of rain being nearly an inch higher than usual. |
| 3 | 55 | 36 | 65 | 34 | E | Ditto |  | The mean temperature was about a degree above the average. |
| 4 | 48 | 40 | 49 | 36 |  | Ditto |  | Westerly winds were prevalent. The 16th was clear and cold |
| 5 | 50 | 44 | 50 | 41 | SE | Ditto |  | with severe frost at night. The 14 th and 18 th were stormy with |
|  | 58 | 35 | 72 | 31 |  | Ditto |  | rain and sleet. Much rain fell on the 28th and 29th; the 30th |
| 7 | 53 | 37 | 69 | 33 | SW | Ditto | . 01 | was boisterous, the barometer at the same time falling very low. |
| 9 | 50 | 45 | 52 | 43 |  | Brisk |  | Many of the grounds adjoining the Thames were flooded to an musual extent in consequence of the state of the weather on |
| 10 | 53 | 44 | 59 | 41 | w | Ditto |  | these days and the previously saturated condition of the earth. |
| 11 | 55 | 35 | 60 | 33 |  | Little | $\cdot 40$ |  |
| 12 | 63 | 32 | 66 | 29 | - | Brisk | . 06 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.746 inches |
| 13 | 48 | 34 | 70 | 30 |  | Ditto | .27 | - Temperature . . . . . . . . Ditto. . . . . . $43^{\circ} .93$ |
| 14 | 41 | 23 | 70 | 18 | NW | Strong | . 04 | - Dew Point........... Ditto...... $43^{\circ} .02$ |
| 15 | 37 35 | 25 15 | 39 50 | 22 10 | SE | Little | . 04 | ——Degree of Dryness......Ditto....... ${ }^{\circ .91}$ |
| 17 | 39 | 32 | 41 | 29 | SE | Ditto | 12 | - Force of Vapour. . . . . . . Ditto...... . 280 inch. |
| 18 | 42 | 25 | 44 | 20 | NE | Ditto | . 12 | Least observed degree of Moisture. ....... ${ }^{.594}$ |
| 19 | 47 | 27 | 46 | 24 | SE | Ditto | .24 | Maximum Temperature in the Shade...... $633^{\circ}$. |
| 20 | 52 | 40 | 52 | 38 | S | Ditto | . 18 | Minimum Temperature in ditto.. ....... $15^{\circ}$. |
| 21 | 55 | 51 | 54 | 49 |  | Strong | $\cdot 30$ | Maximum Temperature in the Sun. . . . . . $73^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$. |
| 22 | 58 | 31 | 62 | 26 | SW | Brisk | .21 |  |
| 23 | 47 | 26 | 52 | 24 | SW | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of External Air...... $4^{42^{\circ} .60}$ |
| 24 | 45 | 27 | ${ }_{5}^{52}$ | 24 20 |  | Little |  | Winds. |
| 25 26 26 | 44 47 | 23 37 | 62 48 | 20 35 | E | Ditto | . 02 | North........ 0 days N. East...... 2 days |
| 27 | 51 | 42 | 51 | 40 | SW | Ditto | .11 | South ........ 5 .. S. East.......3 .. |
| 28 | 54 | 43 | 59 | 42 |  | Brisk | . 60 | East ......... 3 .. ${ }^{\text {W. West ...... } 3}$ |
| 29 | 58 | 49 | 60 | 47 |  | Strong | . 54 |  |
| 30 | 54 | 40 | 55 | 37 |  | Ditto | . 05 | days. |
|  | 49.90 | 35.30 | 56.90 | 32.43 |  |  | 3.41 | Amount of Rain . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 3.41 inches. |

DECEMBER.


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| 'Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 54 | 43 | 61 | 41 | SE | Little | . 08 |  |
| 2 | 53 | 46 | 54 | 44 | S | Ditto | . 12 | the 2 ist it was generally frosty at night, and again wet every day |
| 3 | 54 | 43 | 55 | 41 | SW | Brisk | . 17 | to the 29th. The mean temperature was $1^{\circ}$ above the average. |
| 4 | 49 | 40 | 50 | 37 |  | Ditto | .13 | The amount of rain was half an inch in excess. The mean height |
| 5 | 50 | 37 | 56 | 33 | W ${ }_{\text {W }}$ | Little | . 14 | of the barometer, as in every preceding month of the year, was |
| 6 | 52 | 35 | 55 | 32 44 | W | Brisk Little | .30 .15 | below the average. Except in very few instances the air was found |
| 8 | 54 | 47 33 | 55 58 | 44 <br> 28 | W | Brisk | . 01 | to be constantly saturated with moisture. West and SW. Winds |
| 9 | 44 | 38 | 53 | 37 | W | Little | .15 | were prevalent. This has been the wettest season of any since 1826 at least, the |
| 10 | 55 | 36 | 56 | 34 | SW | Strong | . 07 | time when these Journals were commenced. |
| 11 | 47 | 37 | 48 | 33 | W | Brisk | . 09 |  |
| 12 | 52 | 47 | 52 | 47 | SW | Ditto | .17 |  |
| 13 | 52 | 40 | 52 | 38 |  | Little | . 08 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.679 inches. |
| 14 | 42 | 27 | 43 | 22 | N S | Brisk Ditto |  |  |
| 15 | 50 49 | 37 | 52 55 | 35 25 | W | Ditto | . 10 | - Dew Point ............... Ditto....... Ditto. . . . . $_{0^{\circ} .43}$ |
| 17 | 39 | 17 | 43 | 12 | , | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture . . . . Ditto. . . . . . . 984 |
| 18 | 35 | 16 | 36 | 9 | NE | Ditto |  | - Force of Vapour....... Ditto...... . 255 inch. |
| 19 | 37 | 27 | 37 | 22 | - | Brisk |  | Least observed degree of Moisture . . . . . . . . 828 |
| 20 | 39 | 20 | 52 | 16 | W | Little |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade..... $55^{\circ} 0^{\circ}$ |
| 21 | 35 | 26 | 49 | 22 | W | Brisk |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto......... $16^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 22 | 37 | 33 | 40 | 31 |  | Ditto | . 02 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun....... $61^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 23 | 46 | 27 | 48 | 24 | SW | Little | . 06 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation........ $9^{\circ}$. |
| 24 | 50 | 42 | 50 | 41 | - | Brisk | . 12 | Mean Temperature of External Air...... $39^{\circ} \cdot 59$ |
| 25 | 49 | 22 | 52 | 19 | - | Ditto | . 06 |  |
| 26 | 39 | 24 | 42 | 23 |  | Ditto | . 01 | Winds. |
| 27 | 36 | 25 | 37 | 22 | W | Little | . 02 | North.......... I days ${ }^{\text {N. East .... .... } 3 \text { days }}$ |
| 28 | 44 | 37 | 46 | 35 | NW | Ditto | . 02 | South . . . . . . . . 2 .. S. East . . . . . . . . 3 3 . |
| 29 | 45 | 39 | 45 | 27 | SE | Ditto | . 05 |  |
| 31 | 40 | 33 | 41 | 31 |  | Ditto |  |  |
|  | 45.80 | $33 \cdot 38$ | 48.87 | 30.07 |  |  | 2.12 | Amount of Rain ........................ 2.12 inch. |

## [ 26 ]

Monthly Mean Pressure, Temperature, and Dew Point, \&c. of 1841 ; deduced from the Observations recorded in the preceding Journal.

| $1841$ <br> Months. | Pressure. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Temperature. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Max. |  | Med. | Range of Barom. | Mean at |  |  |  | In the Shade. |  |  | Mean at |  |  | Mean of the three Observ ${ }^{8}$ | In Sun's Rays. |  | Terrestrial Radiation. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Murn. | Nuon. | Night. |  | Max. | Min. | Med. | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  | Max. | Min. | Min. | Max. |  |
| Jan. | 30.5052 | 28.864 | . 757 | 1.641 | 29.77 | . 773 | 9.770 | 29.772 | 53 | 6 | 34.25 | $33 \cdot 13$ | 8.58 | 33.87 | 35.19 | 56 | 22 | 44 | 1 | 32.73 |
| Feb. | 30.346 | 29.071 | 2.770 | 1.275 | 29.785 | 29.772 | 29.748 | 29.768 | 56 | 14 | 36.60 | $35 \cdot 64$ | 40.39 | $35 \cdot 64$ | 37.22 | 62 | 27 | 43 | 8 | 36.65 |
| March | 30.512 | 29.525 | 29.912 | 0.987 | 29.903 | 29.895 | 29.886 | 29.895 | 67 | 27 | 46.35 | $43 \cdot 48$ | 54.74 |  | 46.89 | 74 | 42 | 47 | 22 | 6.60 |
| April | 30.171 | 29.371 | 29.838 | 0.800 | 29.8 | 29.834 | 29.842 | 29.839 | 76 | 26 | 47.09 | $47 \cdot 23$ | 55.26 |  | 48.90 | 81 | 26 | 51 | 20 | . 23 |
| May . | 30.364 |  | 9.860 | 1.111 | 29.8 | 29.851 | 29.869 | 29.858 | 82 | 36 | 5 |  | 67.19 |  | 60.06 | 96 | 62 | 59 | 32 | . 50 |
| June. | 30.35 | 2 | 922 | 0.863 | 29.93 | 29.919 | 29.917 | 29.923 | 80 | 36 | 56. |  |  | 52.13 | 4 | 95 | 56 | 53 | 28 | . 90 |
| July | 30.133 | 29 | 9.820 | 0.867 | 29.8 | 81 | 816 | 29.819 | 79 | 42 |  | 60.99 | 66 | 55.16 | 60.98 | 84 | 65 | 59 | 36 | 60.82 |
| Aug. | 30.24 | 29.38 | 29.859 | 0.859 | 29.8 | . 86 | 29.859 | 29.860 | 81 | 41 |  | 6 | 69. | 5 | 62.33 | 102 | 70 | 64 | 36 | 72 |
| Sept. | 30.10 | 29.16 | 9.724 | 0.942 | 29.7 | 9.71 | 29.728 | 29.725 | 84 | 36 | 59 | $57 \cdot 3$ | 65. | 54.46 | 59.26 | 104 | 65 | 58 | 31 | 01 |
| Oct. | 30 | 28.808 | 29.537 | 1.354 | 29.531 | . 54 | 29.545 | 29.538 | 64 | 26 |  |  |  | 48.38 | 49.98 | 79 | 48 | 50 | 22 | . 15 |
| Nov. | 30.391 | 28.8 | 29.750 | $1.546$ | 29.756 | 29.729 |  |  | 63 |  | 42. | 41.9 |  | 42.06 | 43.93 | 73 | 39 | 49 | 10 | 49.66 |
| Dec. | 30.21 | 28.94 | 29.679 | $1.263$ | 29.707 | 29.640 | 129.690 | $29.679$ | $55$ | $16$ | 42.60 $39 \cdot 59$ | 39.25 | 43.71 | 39.93 | 43.93 40.96 | 61 | 36 | $47$ | $9$ | 39.47 |
| Ave | 30.29 | 2 | 85 | 1.12 |  |  |  | 29.785 | 70. |  |  | 48.97 |  | 46 | 50.36 | 80 | . 5 | 2.00 | . 0 | 29 |


| $18_{41} .$ <br> Month. | Hygrometer indicating Dew Point. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Scale of the Winds. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rain. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean Dew Poiut at |  |  | Mean <br> Dew <br> Point. | Mean Force of Vapour. | Mean degree of Dryness. | Mean degree of Moisture. | Lenst degree of Moisture. | N. | N. E. | E. | S.E. | S. | S. W. | W. | N.W. | Days. | In. Pts. |
|  | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. . | 33.00 | 37.16 | 33.58 | 34.58 |  |  | $976$ | $708$ |  | 2 |  | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 31 | 2.60 |
| Feb. . | 34.75 | 37.21 | 35.21 | 35.72 | $.213$ | $1.50$ | 942 | $533$ | 1 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 0.76 |
| March | 43.26 | 47.71 | 42.29 | 44.42 | . 295 | 2.47 | 916 | 546 | 0 | $\bigcirc$ | 3 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 6 |  |  | 1.32 |
| April | 44.90 | 44.03 | 44.03 | 44.32 | . 294 | 4.58 |  | 546 | 0 | $\bigcirc$ | 1 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1.32 |
| May |  |  |  | 54.59 | . 294 | $4 \cdot 58$ | 847 | 432 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 30 | 58 |
|  |  | $55 \cdot 39$ | 53.13 | . 59 | . 423 | 5.47 | 821 | 410 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 31 | 2.16 |
| June | 53.93 | 55.47 | 51.97 | 53.79 | . 413 | 4.85 | 842 | 373 | 4 | 4 | - | 0 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 30 | 2.45 |
| July . | 57.29 | 58.58 | 55.16 | 57.01 | .463 | 3.97 | 872 | 512 | 1 | 3 | - | - | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 |  | 56 |
| Aug. | 59.87 | 62.26 | 56.67 | 59.60 | . 507 | 2.73 | 910 | 512 | 1 | 3 | $\bigcirc$ | - | 2 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 31 | . 56 |
| Sept. | 56.86 | 61.33 |  |  |  | 2.73 | 910 | 520 | 2 | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | 0 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 31 | 2.69 |
| Oct. |  |  | . 40 | 57.53 |  | 1.73 | 934 | 571 | $\bigcirc$ | 1 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 6 | 3 | $\bigcirc$ | 30 | 3.71 |
|  | 48.74 | 51.55 | 48.35 | 49.55 | . 355 | 0.43 | 970 | 581 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 31 | 4.61 |
| Nov. | 41.17 |  | 41.93 | 43.02 | . 280 | 0.91 | 966 | 594 | $\bigcirc$ | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 30 | 3.41 |
|  | 38.9 | 43.2 | 39.38 | 40.53 | . 255 | 0.43 | 984 | 828 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 2 |  | 2.13 |
| Aver. | 47.33 | 49.98 | 46.34 | 47.88 | - 347 | 2.48 | 915 | 550 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 95 | 550 | 17 | 48 | 17 | 18 | 59 | 96 | 75 | 35 | 365 | 30.97 |

## [ 27 ]

The preceding Table, as regards Temperature, and the Dew Point, is in terms of Fahrenheit's scale; the following are reductions of the same to those of the Centigrade and Reaumur's Thermometers.

Centigrade Thermometer.

| 1841. | Temperature. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Hygrometer indicating Dew Point. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | In the Shade. |  |  | Mean at |  |  | Mean of the three Observa-tions tion | In Sun's Rays. |  | Terrestrial Radiation. |  | Med. ofSun and Radiation. | Mean Dew Point at |  |  | Mean Dew Point. | Mean degree of Dryness. |
| Months. | Max. | Min. | Med. | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  | Max. | Min. | Max. | Min. |  | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  |  |
| Jan. . | 11.66 | 14.44 | 1.25 | 0.62 | 3.65 | 1.03 | 1.77 | 13.33 | -5.55 | 6.66 | -18.33 | 0.40 | 0.55 | 2.86 | 0.87 | 1.43 |  |
| Feb. . | 13.33 | -10.00 | 2.55 | 2.02 | 4.66 | 2.02 | 2.90 | 16.66 | -2.77 | 6.11 | -13.33 | 2.38 | 1.52 | 2.89 | 1.78 | 2.06 | 0.83 |
| March | 19.44 | -2.77 | 7.97 | 6.37 | 12.63 | 5.80 | 8.27 | 23.33 | 5.55 | 8.33 | -5.55 | 8.16 | 6.25 | 8.72 | $5 \cdot 71$ | 6.90 | 1.37 |
| April | 24.44 | -3.33 | 8.38 | 8.46 | 12.92 | 6.77 | 9.38 | 27.22 | -3.33 | 10.55 | -6.66 | 9.01 | 7.16 | 6.68 | 6.68 | 6.84 | 2.54 3.03 |
| May | 27.77 | 2.22 | 14.49 | 15.41 | 19.55 | 11.81 | 15.58 | 35.55 | 16.66 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 16.38 | 12.92 | 12.94 | 11.73 | 12.55 | 3.03 2.69 |
| June. | 26.66 | 2.22 | 13.46 | 14.75 | 18.46 | 11.18 | 14.80 | 35.00 | 13.33 | 11.66 | -2.22 | 14.94 | 12.18 | 13.03 | 11.09 | 12.10 | 2.69 2.20 |
| July . | 26.11 | 5.55 | 15.16 | 16.04 | 19.33 | 12.86 | 16.09 | 28.88 | 18.33 | 15.00 | 2.22 | 16.01 | 14.05 | 14.76 | 12.86 | 13.89 15.33 | 2.20 1.51 |
| Aug. | 27.22 | 5.00 | 16.93 | 16.12 | 20.64 | 13.77 | 16.85 | 38.88 | 21.11 | 17.77 | 2.22 -0.55 | 18.17 | 15.48 | 16.81 16.28 | 13.70 12.44 | 15.33 14.18 | 1.51 0.23 |
| Sept. | 28.88 | 2.22 | 15.21 | 14.08 | 18.87 | 12.47 | 15.14 | 40.00 | 18.33 | 14.44 | -0.55 | 18.33 | 13.81 | 16.28 | 12.44 9.08 | 14.18 9.75 | 0.23 0.79 |
| Oct. | 17.77 | -3.33 | 9.92 | 9.64 | 11.23 | 9.10 | 9.98 | 26.11 | 8.88 | 10.00 | -5.55 | 10.63 | 9.30 | 10.86 | 9.08 | 9.75 6.12 | 0.79 0.50 |
| Nov | 17.22 | -9.44 | 5.88 | $5 \cdot 50$ | 8.79 | 5.58 | 6.62 | 22.77 | 3.88 | 9.44 | -12.22 | 9.81 | 5.09 | 7.72 6.25 | $5 \cdot 51$ 4.10 | 6.12 4.73 |  |
| Dec. | 12.77 | -8.88 | 4.21 | 4.02 | 6.50 | $4 \cdot 40$ | 4.97 | 16.11 | 2.22 | 8.33 | -12.77 | 4.15 | 3.86 | 6.25 | $4 \cdot 10$ | 4.73 | 0.23 |
| Aver. | 21.11 | -2.91 | 9.62 | $9 \cdot 42$ | 13.10 | 8.06 | 11.19 | 26.98 | 8.06 | . 11 | -6.06 | 10.71 | 8.51 | 9.98 | 7.96 | 8.82 | 1. $3^{6}$ |

## Reaumur's Thermometer.

| 1841. | Temperature. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Hygrometer indicating Dew Point. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | In the shade. |  |  | Mean at ${ }^{\text { }}$ |  |  | Mean of Observations. | In Sun's Rays. |  | Terrestrial Radiation. |  | Med. of <br> Sun and Radiation. | Mean Dew Point at |  |  |  | Mean degree ness. |
| Montlus. | Max. | Min. | Med. | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  | Max. | Min | Max. | Min. |  | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  |  |
| Jan. . | $9 \cdot 33$ | 11.55 | 1.00 | 0.49 | 2.92 | 0.82 | 1.42 | 10.66 | -4.44 | $5 \cdot 33$ | $-14.66$ | 0.32 | 0.44 | 2.29 | 0.70 | 1.14 |  |
| Feb. | 10.66 | -8.00 | 2.04 | 1.61 | 3.73 | 1.61 | 2.32 | 13.33 | -2.22 | 4.88 | $-10.66$ | 2.06 | 1.16 | 2.32 | 1.42 | 1.65 |  |
| March. | 15.55 | -2.22 | 6.38 | 5.10 | 10.11 | 4.64 | 6.62 | 18.66 | 4.44 | 6.66 | -4.44 | 6.52 | 5.00 | 6.97 | 4.56 | 5.51 | 1.09 2.03 |
| April. | 19.55 | -2.66 | 6.70 | 6.77 | 10.33 | $5 \cdot 41$ | 7.51 | 21.77 | -2.66 | 9.44 | $-5.33$ | 7.21 | 5.72 10.33 | 5.35 10.39 | 5.34 9.38 | 5.47 10.03 | 2.03 2.43 |
| May . | 22.22 | 1.77 | 11.69 | 12.33 | 15.64 | 9.44 | 12.47 | 28.44 | 13.33 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 13.11 | 10.33 9.74 | 10.39 10.42 | 9.38 8.87 | 10.03 | 2.43 2.15 |
| June. | 21.33 | 1.77 | 10.76 | 11.80 | 14.77 | 8.94 10.28 | 11.84 | 28.00 | 10.66 14.66 | 9.33 12.00 | -1.77 | 11.95 12.80 | 9.74 11.24 | 10.42 11.81 | 8.87 10.29 | 11.11 | 2.15 1.76 |
| July Aug. | 20.88 | 4.44 | 12.12 | 12.84 | 15.46 16.52 | 10.28 | 12.87 13.48 | 23.11 31.11 | 14.66 | 12.00 14.22 | 1.77 1.77 | 12.80 14.54 | 11.24 12.39 | 11.81 13.44 | 10.29 | 12.26 | 1.21 |
| Aug. | 21.77 23.11 | 4.00 1.88 | 13.55 12.16 | 12.89 | 16.52 15.10 | 11.01 | 13.48 | 31.11 32.00 | 16.88 | 14.22 11.55 | 1.77 -0.44 | 14.54 14.67 | 12.39 11.04 | 13.03 | 9.95 | 11.34 | 0.76 |
| Oct. | 23.17 14.22 | 1.88 | 12.16 7.94 | 11.26 7.72 | 15.10 | 10.22 7 | 7.98 | 20.88 | 7.11 | 8.00 | -4.44 | 8.51 | $7 \cdot 44$ | 8.69 | 7.26 | $7 \cdot 79$ | 0. 19 |
| Nov. | 13.77 | $-7.55$ | 4.71 | 4.40 | 7.04 | 4.71 | 5.29 | 18.22 | 3.11 | 7.55 | -9.77 | 7.84 | 4.07 | 6.17 | 4.41 | 4.88 | 0.40 |
| Dec. | 10.22 | -7.11 | 3.36 | 3.21 | 5.20 | 3.52 | 3.98 | 12.88 | 1.77 | 6.66 | -10.22 | 3.31 | 3.09 | 5.00 | 3.27 | 3.78 | 0.19 |
| Aver. | 16.88 | -2.33 | 7-70 |  |  | 6.45 | 8.16 | 28. 56 | 6.44 | 8.88 | $-4.84$ | 8.57 | 6.80 | 7.99 | 6.37 | 7.05 | 1.09 |

> II. On the Oxalis Deppei, and its Cultivation as a culinary plant. By Mr. Robert Thompson, Superintendent of the Orchard and Kitchen Garden Department in the Society's Garden.

Read December 5, 1843.

An article on the Oxalis Deppei, by Professor Morren of Liège, having appeared in "the Gardener's Chronicle," vol. I. p. 68., attention was directed to its cultivation in the Garden of the Society; the mode of culture recommended by Professor Morren being adopted in the first instance. The results of this, and of other modes subsequently tried, leave no doubt respecting the facility with which this real accession to the list of culinary vegetables can be successfully cultivated, so as to furnish an abundant supply. It was necessary that this fact should be well ascertained, because another species of the same genus, Oxalis crenata, has not realized the expectations entertained respecting it.

Oxalis Deppei was first introduced into this country from Mexico in 1827; and was named by Messrs. Loddiges in their Botanical Cabinet, No. 1500. Subsequently M. Lejeune gave it the name of Oxalis zonata, "in order to express the black bands of the leaf;" and M. Henon published some information concerning it in the year 1838.*

The uses of this Oxalis in Belgium are enumerated by Professor Morren. He states " that if cut longitudinally the root is found to have a firm transparent rind, the tissue of which resembles that of Salep; like it, it becomes white in drying, is transparent, and consists of cells enclosing a very nutritious substance. The young leaves are dressed like sorrel, in soup or as a vegetable; they have

[^0]a fresh and agreeable acid, especially in spring. The flowers are excellent in salad, alone or mixed with corn salad, endive of both kinds, red cabbage, beet-root, and even with the petals of the Dahlia, which are delicious when thus employed. When served at table, the flowers with their pink corolla, green calyx, yellow stripes and little stamens produce a very pretty effect. The roots, after having been washed and slightly peeled, are gently boiled with salt and water. They are then eaten like asparagus in the Flemish fashion, with melted butter and the yolks of eggs. They are also served up like scorzonera and endive, with white sauce. They form, in whatever way they are dressed, a tender, succulent dish, easy to digest, and agreeing with the most delicate stomach. The analogy of the root with Salep indicates that its effects should be excellent upon all constitutions."

The plant consists of a tapering, white, semi-transparent tap-root of tender substance ; furnished, chiefly at and near the lower extremity, with hair-like fibres, a few of which also proceed from the sides. The centre is generally more or less hollow, with the medullary substance adhering in variously fissured portions. The roots in this case are not however in other respects unsound. Sometimes, from rapid absorption, clefts are formed externally; but this will probably be of rare occurrence under favourable circumstances of soil and climate.

On the top of the crown, a mass of scaly bulbs appears; their scales are lined and fringed with orange-brown silky hairs. By means of these buds the plants can be easily and abundantly multiplied. The leaf-stalks are from nine inches to a foot or more in length, supporting four inversely heart-shaped leaflets; each having a dark-coloured band across its centre; these bands are somewhat curved, so that when the four leaflets are arranged in a flat equidistant manner, a tolerably perfect dark circle is formed. The flowers are of a bright rose colour, and are supported on erect scapes above the leaves.


Roots and scaly bulbs of Oxalis Deppei, natural size.

Professor Morren states that Oxalis Deppei " will not thrive in loam, still less in calcareous earth; that it always suffers in heavy land, and often will not produce its tap-roots ; but in a sandy soil, light, and mixed with decayed vegetable matter, the plant acquires a large size. The aspect in which it is grown is immaterial, although a southern exposure is to be preferred when not dry." He plants the bulbs on the 15 th of April, when he no longer fears frost, an inch deep and five inches apart, in rows which are seven inches asunder. Three or four are put into the same hole, taking care to arrange them in quincunx. The beds are kept clean and in the month of May are watered with liquid cow-dung. As has been already observed, the above mode was adopted in the Society's Garden; but it has been found that the plants do better when the bulbs are planted, singly, six inches apart, in rows a foot asunder.

The soil in the Society's Garden is not naturally well adapted for the growth of some tap-rooted vegetables; the carrot in particular may be instanced as never producing very fine roots in the usual way of cultivation. This being the case, holes are sometimes made and filled with prepared soil for this crop, in order to encourage the tap-roots to extend downwards without subdivision. A similar plan was tried with the Oxalis, and found to answer better than where the whole bed was composed of prepared soil ; and the expense was of course comparatively little.*

The bulbs were planted about the middle of April, so shallow as to admit of their being just covered; for thus they occupy a position with regard to the surface similar to that in which they are produced, and this seems indispensable if fine sorts are to be obtained. They have been observed, indeed, to spring up from a considerable depth; but in this case tap-roots were not formed.

During summer the soil must be kept moist in dry weather;

[^1]otherwise, when rain falls abundantly, the sudden accession of water to the roots occasions their splitting. The plants should be allowed to grow as long as there is no danger from frost; but previously to this occurring, they should either be taken up or protected. If protected from frost, by frames, or otherwise, the roots will continue to increase in size till November. When taken up, the roots should be divested of the numerous bulbs formed on their crowns, and then stored up for use in a cool dry place, but secure from frost. A similar situation will be proper for the bulbs; or they may be kept in dry sand till the season of planting.

Mr. Cockburn, Gardener to the Earl of Mansfield, at Caen Wood, Hampstead, grows this plant in perfection with no particular preparation of soil; merely planting the bulbs in shallow drills, a foot apart, in borders dug and manured as for other kitchen-garden crops. He also plants it by the sides of walks in the woods, as an ornamental plant.

We have in our gardens another Oxalis, apparently the O. Jacquiniana, which also produces tap-roots like those of O. Deppei ; but they are much smaller, and inferior in quality. That species is readily known by its flowers being very small and of a pale lilac colour.

# III. Experiments on the Inorganic Constituents of Plants. By Edward Solly, Esq., F. R. S., F. L. S., Hon. Memb. Roy. Agr. Soc. Eng. Experimental Chemist to the Horticultural Society. 

## (Communicated by the Chemical Committee.*)

In pursuing, under the direction of the Chemical Committee, my enquiries into the office performed by the inorganic constituents of Plants, several subjects of investigation naturally presented themselves; amongst which are the following questions. Are the quantity and nature of the inorganic matters which exist in plants certain and invariable, or do they fluctuate and vary according to circumstances? If variable, what are the causes which influence their absorption, and how may it be augmented or diminished ? and thirdly, what connexion is there between the formation of any peculiar organic substance and the absorption of particular inorganic matters from the soil? Without pretending to attempt the solution of these questions, I shall proceed to describe briefly some of the experiments, which the consideration of them led to.

In order to trace, if possible, the connexion between the growth of plants and the absorption of particular substances, or their presence in the soil, several experiments were made on different plants, which were manured with various substances and subsequently examined, both mechanically, as to their size or increased developement, and chemically, to ascertain what influence the manure had

[^2]on the absorption of inorganic, and the formation of organic, matter. The first results obtained were wholly negative, principally from the fact that too small a quantity of the various manures employed, was taken; great inconvenience was also experienced in consequence of the very unequal nature of the soil of the gardens, which led to irregular and unexpected results.

Before describing any experiments, it will be proper to say a few words respecting the nature of the soil on which they were made. The soil of the Horticultural Gardens varies a good deal both in mechanical texture, and in chemical composition. The greater part of it may be termed loamy; but its exact nature of course differs considerably according to the treatment it has received, the mode in which it has been worked, and the nature and quantity of manure which has been applied to it. Generally speaking, it is rich in organic matter, both animal and vegetable, and consequently like all soils of that description, contains a notable quantity of Salts of Ammonia. From its uncertain nature it is far more difficult to define its chemical composition, than is the case with ordinary land; the following are average results, and may be taken as expressing pretty nearly the composition of the soil of the Gardens. A fair sample, freed from stones and well dried, being subjected to mechanical analysis, was found to consist of

| Small stones |  |  |  | 640 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sand |  |  |  |  |
| Finely divided earthy matter |  |  |  | 3470 |
| Fibrous organic matter |  | $\ddots$ |  | 5190 |
| Finely divided and soluble organic matter |  |  |  | 180 |

The sand and small stones were chiefly of a siliceous nature; the chemical composition of the dry soil was


In expressing these results, as well as in all the following analyses, I have carefully avoided the use of fractions of any kind; in all the experiments described, the numbers given are
those which would have been obtained, had 10000 or 100000 parts of each substance been analysed. The composition of a substance can be expressed as well by whole numbers, as by decimals; whilst the use of the latter frequently leads to confusion.

The first large experiment was on Savoys. A square of young savoys was taken, the plants in which were as nearly as possible uniform in size, and growing under the same circumstances. They were manured with various saline and inorganic substances, applied as top dressings ; the quantity used increasing gradually from $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ to $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ grains to each plant. The substances taken were, Nitrate of Potash, Alum, Nitrate of Soda, Muriate of Ammonia, Sulphur, Sulphate of Iron, Phosphate of Soda, and Sulphate of Magnesia ; a number of plants being left without any manure, for the sake of comparison. The effects produced by these various substances, on the appearance of the plants were much less than had been anticipated; very slight differences could be observed and those differences which were apparent, were so irregular and uncertain, that it was hardly possible to say how much could fairly be attributed to the manures, and how much to local circumstances. A number of the plants were, however, examined chemically, but the result of their examination proved as irregular as the effect produced by the manures. The following table exhibits the proportion of water, organic matter, inorganic substances, and azotised matter which they contained.

Young white leaves or heart of Savoy; Composition of 10000 parts.

| Manure used. | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Inorg. matt. in 10000 parts dry. | Albumen in 10000 parts fresh. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nitrate of Potash | 9152 | 776 | 72 | 849 | 14 |
| Alum | 9360 | 571 | 69 | 1093 | 36 |
| Ditto | 9563 | 389 | 48 | 1119 | 13 |
| Nitrate of Soda | 9159 | 784 | 57 | 686 | 34 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 9352 | 580 | 68 | 1057 | 26 |
| Sulphur | 9282 | 652 | 66 | 922 | 21 |
| Ditto | 9305 | 627 | 68 | 985 | 27 |
| Ditto | 9246 | 689 | 65 | 871 | 23 |
| Sulphate of Iron | 9307 | 630 | 63 | 913 | 16 |
| Phosphate of Soda. | 9492 | 446 | 62 | 1247 | 13 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 9498 | 446 | 56 | 1121 | 16 |
| No manure | 9260 | 660 | 80 | 1006 | 24 |
| Ditto | 9066 | 860 | 74 | 789 | 4 |

Green or outer leaves of Savoy; as before.

| Manure used. | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Inorg. matt. in 10000 parts dry. | Albumen in 10000 parts fresh. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nitrate of Potash | 8666 | 977 | 157 | 1392 | 48 |
| Alum | 8902 | 943 | 155 | 1430 | 51 |
| Ditto | 8625 | 1077 | 298 | 2174 | 24 |
| Nitrate of Soda | 8995 | 868 | 137 | 1371 | 58 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 9272 | 602 | 116 | 1600 | 31 |
| Sulphur | 9038 | 801 | 161 | 1674 | 52 |
| Ditto | 8679 | 1214 | 107 | 813 | 31 |
| Ditto | 8926 | 929 | 145 | 1356 | 24 |
| Sulphate of Iron | 9137 | 742 | 121 | 1408 | - |
| Ditto . . | 8915 | 953 | 132 | 1223 | 35 |
| Phosphate of Soda | 9012 | 840 | 148 | 1502 | 42 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 9094 | 723 | 183 | 2027 | 34 |
| No manure | 9101 | 745 | 154 | 1619 | 54 |
| Ditto | 9038 | 828 | 134 | 1394 | 64 |

It is evident that no definite conclusions can be drawn from this series of experiments. All the plants included in the foregoing tables were manured with 1800 or 2000 grains of the substance applied, but as these manures were merely spread on the surface of the soil, and were much protected from rain by the leaves of the young plants, a portion remained on the surface of the soil to the last ; this in part accounts for the very trifling effect produced.

At the same time that these experiments were tried, some others were made with plants less able to bear large quantities of saline manures than savoys and most glaucous leaved plants are. A number of plants of common broad leaved Tobacco were manured with Nitrate of Soda, the quantity employed increasing from 3 oz . up to 2 lbs., to each plant. Tobacco was selected for experiment because it is one of those plants which most commonly contain salts of Nitric acid; it was hence reasonable to expect that a top dressing of the Nitrate of Soda would produce a beneficial effect and also that a comparatively large quantity of that salt might be applied without fear of injury. Those plants which had received $4,8,12$, and 16 oz . respectively of Nitrate of Soda were all rendered more vigorous in their growth and looked greener and far more flourishing than those not so manured ; their luxuriance being nearly in proportion to the quantity of the salt they
had received : that to which 16 oz . had been applied being decidedly the best in the row. Beyond one pound no benefit appeared to be produced by increased doses of the Nitrate, and a plant which received 2 lbs. was evidently injured; it soon began to look unhealthy ; the leaves became yellow and sickly, being covered with yellow and brown spots. The best plant, that which had received 1 lb . of the Nitrate, was then compared with another which had grown under precisely the same circumstances but had received no manure at all; their relative composition was

|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Inorganic in <br> 10000 pts. dry. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Common Tobacco leaves | 8440 | 1330 | 230 | 1474 |
| Nitrated Tobacco leaves | 8320 | 1420 | 260 | 1547 |

The proportion of azotised matter in the two plants was for each 10000 parts

|  | Freeh plant. | Dry plant. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Common Tobacco | 134 | 858 |
| Nitrated Tobacco | 221 | 1315 |

In the examination of these plants a very remarkable fact was observed, which at first was supposed to be an error of observation, until it was confirmed by repetitions, and subsequent experiments. The plants of Tobacco which had received no manure contained a considerable quantity of Nitric acid; those which had been manured with Nitrate of Soda, however, contained no appreciable quantity.

A corresponding experiment was made with Lettuces, another plant commonly found to contain Nitrates ; but the results obtained in this case were less marked, because the plants had all been previously manured with rotten dung in the usual manner. Some of the plants were manured with the Nitrate, and others with the Carbonate of Soda; the latter were very nearly as healthy in appearance, as those which had merely received dung; in fact there was very little visible effect produced by either salt. On examination they were found to contain

|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Imorganic in <br> I6000 pta. dry. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kotten Dung alone | 9350 | 562 | 88 | 1357 |
| Ditto and Nitrate of Soda | 9387 | 535 | 78 | 1248 |
| Ditto and Carbonate of Soda | 9375 | 544 | 81 | 1292 |

Carbonate of Soda was employed, in order to compare the effect
produced by the Nitrate of Soda on the formation of azotised matter with that produced by the use of another salt of the same alkali, not containing nitrogen. The following was the result.

|  | Albumen fresh plant. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |$\quad$ Albumen dry plant.

In the experiment with Tobacco just described, a considerable effect was produced by the Nitrate of Soda; a given quantity of leaves contained less water, and more organic and inorganic matter, than those which had not been manured with the nitrate; and it is evident that the nitrated plant had absorbed a larger quantity of inorganic matter, in proportion to its weight, than the other had, because on comparison it appears that the dry leaves of the former contained about a twentieth part more inorganic matter than the latter. In the case of the lettuces a very different effect was produced. In this, the plants manured with Carbonate and Nitrate of Soda, grew more rapidly than those manured with Rotten Dung alone; hence, they contained a larger proportion of water, and a smaller quantity of inorganic matter. This more vigorous growth was apparently not connected with any increased absorption of inorganic substances, because in both cases where the saline manure was applied, the dry plant contained nearly a twentieth less inorganic matter than that only manured with Dung.

A fourth experiment was made on a far more extended scale, with Potatoes. A number of tubers of the Bread-fruit potato were planted, each in the centre of a square yard of ground, and manured with various saline and other manures. The tubers taken, were as nearly as possible alike; they were planted on the 28th of April, the various manures being applied at the time the tubers were set. The stems or haulm were gathered, and the tubers taken up in October. The tubers were planted eight inches below the surface of the ground, each being placed in the centre of a square yard, the surface soil of which was removed to the depth of two inches; the manures were then spread, and the two inches of
soil replaced; the plants were subsequently earthed up in the ordinary manner. The nature of the manures applied, the quantity of produce obtained from each plant, and the composition of the tubers, \&c. are as follows : -

No. 1. Not manured at all, the produce was, large tubers 7 lbs . 3 oz ., small tubers 13 oz ., total 8 lbs . The dry straw or haulm weighed 3270 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 2. Manured with Rotten Dung at the rate of five tons' per acre. The produce was, large tubers 11 lbs .2 oz ., small tubers 6 oz ., total 11 lbs .8 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2158 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 3. Manured with Gypsum, at the rate of 2 cwt. 96 lbs. per acre. The produce was, large tubers 8 lbs., small tubers 4 oz , total 8 lbs. 4 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1013 grains. The tubers and haulm contained

| Tubers and Haulm. |  |  |  | Tubers. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Starch |  | 1079 |
| Fresh Tubers | 7722 | 2159 | 119 | Starchy fibre |  | 543 |
| Dry Tubers |  | 9458 | 542 | Albumen |  | 112 |
| Dry Haulm | - | 8609 | 1391 | Mucilage, Resin | matter, \&c. | 544 |
|  |  |  |  | Water | . | 7722-10000 |

No 4. Manured with Nitrate of Soda at the rate of 1 cwt . 48 lbs . per acre. The produce was, large tubers $8 \mathrm{lbs} .11 \mathrm{oz} .$, small tubers 5 oz ., total 9 lbs. The dry haulm weighed 1869 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 5. Manured with Salt Cake (Sulphate of Soda) at the rate vol iil. 2nd. series.
of 1 cwt. 48 lbs . per acre. The produce was, large tubers 13 lbs . $14 \mathrm{oz} .$, small tubers $1 \mathrm{lb} .2 \mathrm{oz} .$, total 15 lbs . The dry haulm weighed 3301 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 6. Manured with Epsom Salts (Sulphate of Magnesia) at the rate of 1 cwt. 48 lbs . per acre. The produce was, large tubers 9 lbs .15 oz ., small tubers 8 oz ., total 10 lbs .7 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2099 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 7. Manured with Nitrate of Soda at the rate of 2 cwt 96 lbs. per acre. The produce was, large tubers 6 lbs .12 oz ., small tubers 13 oz ., total 7 lbs .9 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1652 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 8, Manured with Salt Cake at the rate of 2 cwt. 96 lbs. per acre. The produce was, large tubers 17 lbs .1 oz ., small tubers none, total 17 lbs .1 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2196 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 9. Manured with Epsom Salts at the rate of 2 cwt. 96 lbs. per acre. The produce was, large tubers 9 lbs .5 oz ., small tubers 7 oz., total 9 lbs .12 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2006 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 10. Manured with Sal Ammoniac (Muriate of Ammonia) at the rate of 1 cwt .48 lbs . per acre. The produce was, large tubers 10 lbs .13 oz. , small tubers 8 oz ., total 11 lbs .5 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2619 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 11. Manured with Green Vitriol (Sulphate of Iron) at the rate of 1 cwt .48 lbs . per acre. The produce was, large tubers 7 lbs ., small 13 oz ., total 7 lbs .13 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1367 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 12. Manured with a mixture of Nitrate of Soda and Salt Cake, containing equal parts of both, at the rate of 1 cwt .48 lbs . The produce was, large tubers 9 lbs .7 oz ., small tubers 6 oz ., total 9 lbs. 13 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2073 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 13. Manured with Nitrate of Soda and Salt Cake, mixed in equal quantities, at the rate of 2 cwt .96 lbs . per acre. The produce was, large tubers 8 lbs .14 oz ., small tubers 5 oz ., total 9 lbs . 3 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1675 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 14. Manured with putrid Urine at the rate of 800 gallons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 5 lbs. 6 oz ., small tubers 3 oz ., total 5 lbs. 9 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1324 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 15. Manured with putrid Urine, fixed with Sulphate of Iron, at the rate of 800 gallons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 8 lbs. 3 oz ., small tubers 2 lbs .2 oz., total 10 lbs .5 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1995 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 16. Manured with Daniell's Bristol Manure (the old sort) at the rate of 20 bushels per acre. The produce was, large tubers 9 lbs .15 oz ., small tubers 1 lb ., total 10 lbs .15 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2619 grains. The tubers and haulm contained

|  | Tubers and Haulm. |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. |
| Fresh Tubers | $\mathbf{7 7 5 5}$ | 2151 | 94 |
| Dry Tubers | - | 9580 | 420 |
| Dry Haulm | - | 8912 | 1088 |


|  | Tubers. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Starch | $\bullet$ - | 1155 |
| Starehy fibre | - - | 689 |
| Albumen |  | - 97 |
| Mucilage, Resin | matter, \&c. | 304 |
| Water |  | 7755 |

No. 17. Manured with Daniell's Bristol Manure (new sort) at the rate of 20 bushels per acre. The produce was, large tubers 11 lbs .2 oz ., small tubers 7 oz ., total 11 lbs .9 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2515 grains. The tubers and haulm contained

|  | Tubers and Haulm. |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. | Organic matter. Inorganic matter. |  |
| Fresh Tubers | 7725 | 2161 | 114 |
| Dry Tubers |  | 9495 | 505 |
| Dry Haulm |  | 9030 | 970 |


| Tubers. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Starch | 1156 |
| Starchy fibre | 629 |
| Albumen | 107 |
| Mucilage, Resin, Fatty matter, \&c. | 383 |
| Water | 7725 |

No. 18. Manured with Guano at the rate of 16 cwt. 27 lbs. per acre. The produce was, large tubers 9 lbs .6 oz ., small tubers 13 oz ., total 10 lbs .3 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1802 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 19. Manured with Bone Dust at the rate of 76 bushels per acre. The produce was, large tubers 10 lbs .5 oz ., small tubers 1 lb .5 oz , total 11 lbs .10 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2084 grains. The tubers and haulm contained

| Tubers and Haulm. |  |  |  | Tubers. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Starch | - | * | 1093 |
| Fresh Tubers | 7661 | 2225 | 114 | Starchy fibre | 。 | - . | 680 |
| Dry Tubers |  | 9510 | 490 | Albumen |  |  | 92 |
| Dry Haulm | - | 8887 | 1113 | Mucilage, Res Water | Fat | matter, \&c. | 474 7661 |

No. 20. Manured with Nightsoil at the rate of 5 tons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 10 lbs .14 oz ., small tubers 5 oz ., total, 11 lbs. 3 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2456 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 21. Manured with Nightsoil disinfected with Bleachingpowder (Chloride of Lime) at the rate of 5 tons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 7 lbs .3 oz ., small tubers 2 oz ., total, 7 lbs. 5 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1152 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 22. Manured with Nightsoil disinfected with Bleachingpowder and Sulphuric Acid at the rate of 5 tons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 9 lbs .5 oz ., small 15 oz ., total, 10 lbs .

4 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1968 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 23. Manured with Nightsoil disinfected with Bleachingpowder and Sulphate of Iron at the rate of 5 tons per acre. The produce was, large tubers $7 \mathrm{lbs} .2 \mathrm{oz} .$, small tubers 13 oz , total, 7 lbs. 15 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1412 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 24. Manured with Nightsoil disinfected with Sulphuric Acid, at the rate of 5 tons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 9 lbs. 14 oz ., small tubers none, total 9 lbs. 14 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2029 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 25. Manured with Sulphur at the rate of 2 cwt. 78 lbs. per acre. The produce was, large tubers 9 lbs. 1 oz ., small tubers, none, total 9 lbs. 1 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2510 grains. The tubers and haulm contained

|  | Tubers and Haulm. |  |  | Tubers. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Starch |  | - - |  | 1067 |
| Fresh Tubers | 7795 | 2116 | 99 | Starchy fibre |  | - . |  | 619 |
| Dry Tubers |  | 9550 | 450 | Albumen |  | * |  | 95 |
| Dry Haulm |  | 8797 | 1203 | Mucilage, Resin | (1) Fat | matter, \&ce. |  | 424 |
|  |  |  |  | Water . | . | . |  | 7795-10000 |

No. 26. Manured with the Refuse Ammoniacal Water of the Gas Works, at the rate of 800 gallons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 5 lbs. 6 oz ., small tubers 12 oz ., total 6 lbs .2 oz .

The dry haulm weighed 1377 grains. The tubers and haulm contained

|  | Tubers and Haulm. |  |  | Tubers. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Starch | - | - |  | 1130 |
| Fresh Tubers | 7745 | 2133 | 122 | Starchy fibre | - | - ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  | 620 |
| Dry Tubers | - | 9455 | 545 | Albumen |  | - | . | 117 |
| Dry Haulm |  | 8854 | 1146 | Mucilage, Res Water | n, Fatty | matter, \&c. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 388 \\ & 7745-10000 \end{aligned}$ |

No. 27. Manured with Gas Water fixed with Sulphuric Acid, at the rate of 800 gallons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 8 lbs. 12 oz ., small tubers 11 oz ., total, 9 lbs .7 oz . The dry haulm weighed 2029 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 28. Manured with Gas Water fixed with Phosphoric Acid, at the rate of 800 gallons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 4 lbs. 13 oz., small tubers 8 oz., total, 5 lbs. 5 oz. 'The dry haulm weighed 965 grains. The tubers and haulm contained

|  | Tubers and Haulm. |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. |
| Fresh Tubers | 7858 | 2031 | 111 |
| Dry Tubers | - | 9480 | 520 |
| Dry Haulm | - | 8664 | 1336 |



No. 29. Manured with Gas Water fixed with Muriatic Acid, at the rate of 800 gallons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 8 lbs. 5 oz ., small tubers 2 oz., total 8 lbs. 7 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1636 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


No. 30. Manured with Ammoniacal Gas Water fixed with Nitric Acid, at the rate of 800 gallons per acre. The produce was, large tubers 5 lbs .6 oz ., small tubers 12 oz ., total 6 lbs .2 oz . The dry haulm weighed 1332 grains. The tubers and haulm contained


On comparing together the result of this series of Experiments, it is evident that there are several discrepancies, which are probably occasioned by local peculiarities in the plants which formed the subject of experiment; and that the trial was conducted on too small a scale. The analyses have therefore not been carried out to that degree of nicety which had been originally intended, as it was determined to repeat the experiment on a larger scale, and with a smaller number of simple saline manures. Several points, however, of considerable interest, are learnt, even by this experiment, as to the relation which exists between the weight of the stems, the proportion of earthy matter which they contain, the weight of the tubers, and the proportions of their azotised and inorganic constituents. In the following Table some of these results are exhibited, plants being arranged in the order of the weight of the stems.

| Manure applied. | Weight of Haulm in Grains. | Inorganic matter in 10000 pts., Haulm. | Weight of Tubers, Ounces. | Inorganic matter in 10000 pts. Tubers. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Albumen } \\ & \text { in } \\ & 10000 \text { pts., } \\ & \text { Tubers. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28. Gas liquor and Phosphoric acid | 965 | 1336 | 85 | 520 | 127 |
| 3. Gypsum | 1013 | 1391 | 132 | 542 | 112 |
| 21. Nightsoil and Bleaching powder | 1152 | 1458 | 117 | 562 | 112 |
| 14. Putrid urine . | 1324 | 1057 | 89 | 530 | 107 |
| 30. Gas liquor and Nitric acid | 1332 | 1201 | 98 | 535 | 105 |
| 11. Sulphate of iron | 1367 | 1119 | 125 | 532 | 111 |
| 26. Gas liquor * | 1377 | 1146 | 98 | 545 | 117 |
| 23. Nightsoil with Bleaching-powder and Sulphate of iron | 1412 | 1126 | 127 | 515 | 93 |
| 29. Gas liquor and Muriatic acid . . | 1636 | 1057 | 135 | 520 | 103 |
| 7. Nitrate of Soda (2.96)* | 1652 | 1065 | 121 | 575 | 119 |
| 13. Nitrate of soda and Salt cake (2.96) | 1675 | 1008 | 147 | 565 | 110 |
| 18. Guano - . | 1802 | 1067 | 163 | 542 | 95 |
| 4. Nitrate of Soda (1.48) - | 1869 | 1241 | 144 | 488 | 115 |
| 24. Nightsoil and Sulphuric acid . | 1968 | 1016 | 164 | 497 | 100 |
| 15. Putrid urine and Sulphate of iron | 1995 | 974 | 165 | 455 | 85 |
| 9. Epsom salts (2.96) - | 2006 | 1106 | 156 | 515 | 109 |
| 27. Gas liquor and Sulphuric acid . . | 2029 | 1158 | 151 | 520 | 97 |
| 22. Nightsoil with Bleaching powder and Sulphuric acid | 2029 | 980 | 158 | 500 | 97 |
| 12. Nitrate of soda and salt cake (1.48) | 2073 | 1043 | 157 | 520 | 90 |
| 19. Bone dust | 2084 | 1113 | 186 | 490 | 92 |
| 6. Epsom salts (1.48) | 2099 | 1076 | 167 | 575 | 104 |
| 2. Rotten dung <br> 5. Salt cake (1.48) | 2158 | 1019 | 184 | 532 | 102 |
| 20. Nightsoil | 2196 | 1165 | 273 | 481 | 84 |
| 25. Sulphur | 24510 | 1205 | 179 | 530 450 | 99 |
| 17. Daniell's manure (new sort) | 2515 | 970 | 185 | 505 | 107 |
| 10. Sal-ammoniac | 2619 | 1030 | 181 | 570 | 100 |
| 16. Daniell's manure (old sort) | 2619 | 1088 | 175 | 420 | 97 |
| 1. No manure - . | 3270 | 1128 | 128 | 501 | 87 |
| 8. Salt cake (2.36) - | 3301 | 1030 | 240 | 495 | 97 |

[^3]It must be borne in mind that these experiments were made on garden ground, the composition and nature of which is very variable and uncertain, and far too rich to enable positive deductions to be formed of the relative value of the different substances employed as manure. The general inference furnished by the above table is, that those plants having the largest and most vigorous tops, produced the largest quantity of tubers; but that the tubers of these plants were the poorest in azotised matters. It is also worthy of remark, that those tubers which are richest in azotised matters, are also those which contain the greatest relative proportion of inorganic matter. Thus selecting from the foregoing table the three tubers richest, and the three poorest in azotised matter, we have

| Richest. |  |  | Poorest. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Albumen. | Inorganic matter. | Weight of Havlm. | Albumen. | Inorganic matter. | Weight of Haulm. |
| 127 | 520 | 965 | 84 | 481 | 2196 |
| 119 | 575 | 1652 | 85 | 455 | 1995 |
| 117 | 545 | 1377 | 87 | 501 | 3270 |
| Mean. 121 | 546 | 1331 | 85 | 478 | 2487 |

The earthy ingredients of the haulm and tubers, were for the reason above adverted to, not examined in detail; but a general analysis of the whole series was made, the results of which sutficiently show, that the nature of the earthy ingredients both of the haulm and of the tubers, but more particularly of the former, varied very greatly. The following tables exhibit the proximate composition of these inorganic matters, divided into Alkaline salts, earthy salts, and siliceous matter : the first head including Carbonate, Phosphate, Sulphate, and Muriate of Potash and Soda; the second, soluble as well as insoluble Salts of Lime and Magnesia, together with Oxides of Iron and Manganese. Both tables are arranged in the order of the quantity of Alkaline matter which the substances contained.

Inorganic Constituents of Experimental Potato Haulm.

|  | Alkaline. | Earthy. | Siliceous. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. No manure | 4667 | 4079 | 1253 |
| 29. Gas liquor and Muriatic acid | 3697 | 4703 | 1597 |
| 5. Salt Cake (1.48) | 3371 | 5233 | 1394 |
| 2. Rotten Dung | 3221 | 5510 | 1269 |
| 16. Daniell's manure (old sort) | 3124 | 5113 | 1763 |
| 10. Sal ammoniac . | 3061 | 5602 | 1337 |
| 6. Epsom salts (1.48) | 2900 | 5400 | 1700 |
| 9. Epsom salts (2.96) | 2789 | 5915 | 1306 |
| 17. Daniell's manure (new sort) | 2473 | 6087 | 1438 |
| 12. Nitrate of Soda and Salt cake (1.48) | 2320 | 5836 | 1844 |
| 8. Salt cake (2.96) | 2263 | 5517 | 2220 |
| 20. Night soil | 2243 | 6142 | 1615 |
| 19. Bone dust | 2223 | 5573 | 2181 |
| 18. Guano - | 2203 | 6207 | 1590 |
| 11. Sulphate of Iron | 2121 | 6027 | 1851 |
| 7. Nitrate of Soda (2.96) | 2098 | 5865 | 2037 |
| 13. Nitrate of Soda and Salt cake (2.96) | 1953 | 6316 | 1731 |
| 4. Nitrate of Soda (1.48) . | 1886 | 6143 | 1971 |
| 24. Night soil and Sulphuric acid | 1712 | 6652 | 1636 |
| 3. Gypsum . . | 1694 | 5609 | 2695 |
| 27. Gas liquor and Sulphuric acid . . | 1419 | 6699 | 1882 |
| 22. Night soil with bleaching powder and Sulphuric acid | 1327 | 6852 | 1821 |
| 25. Sulphur . . . . | 1138 | 5785 | 3177 |
| 14. Putrid urine | 1064 | 5100 | 3836 |
| 21. Night soil and bleaching powder | 964 | 4957 | 4078 |
| 23. Night soil with bleaching powder and Sulphate of iron | 954 | 6628 | 2418 |
| 30. Gas liquor and Nitric acid | 814 | 5212 | 3974 |
| 15. Putrid urine and Sulphate of iron | 568 | 7255 | 2177 |
| 26. Gas liquor - . | 521 | 7008 | 2471 |
| 28. Gas liquor and Phosphoric acid | 315 | 7121 | 2564 |

Inorganic Constituents of Experimental Potato Tubers.

|  | Alkaline. | Earthy. | Siliceous. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24. Night soil and Sulphuric acid | 8927 | 997 | 76 |
| 19. Bone dust | 8915 | 1041 | 44 |
| 3. Gypsum | 8874 | 1068 | 58 |
| 18. Guano | 8866 | 1076 | 58 |
| 25. Sulphur | 8865 | 1028 | 107 |
| 4. Nitrate of Soda (1.48) | 8840 | 1094 | 66 |
| 20. Night soil | 8790 | 1191 | 19 |
| 5. Salt cake (1.48) | 8753 | 1167 | 80 |
| 8. Salt cake (2.96) . | 8739 8733 | 1168 | 92 |
| 22. Night soil with bleaching powder and Sulphuric acid | 8722 | 1237 | 41 |
| 23. Night soil with bleaching powder and Sulphate of iron | 8711 | 1202 | 87 |
| 12. Nitrate of Soda and Salt cake (1.48) | 8686 | 1239 | 75 |
| 28. Gpsom salts (iquor and Phosphoric acid | 8670 | 1242 | 88 |
| 28. Gas liquor and Phosphoric acid <br> 7. Nitrate of Soda (2.96) | 8668 | 1292 | 40 |
| 27. Gas liquor and Sulphuric acid | 8666 | 1245 | 87 |
| 30. Gas liquor and Nitric acid | 8592 | 1336 | 72 |
| 1. No manure | 8575 | 1354 | 71 |
| 16. Sal ammoniac | 8557 | 1227 | 216 |
| 26. Gas liquor - 2. Rotten dung | 8484 | 1448 | 68 |
| 21. Notten dung soil and bleaching powder | 8475 | 1408 | 117 |
| 11. Night soil and bleaching powder | 8341 | 1625 | 34 |
| 14. Putrid urine | 8326 | 1595 | 79 |
| 6. Epsom salts (1.48) | 8309 | 1640 | 51 |
| 16. Daniell's manure (old sort) | 8219 | 1682 | 99 |
| 17. Daniell's manure (new sort) | 8211 | 1691 | 98 |
| 29. Gas liquor and Muriatic Acid | 8063 | 1803 | 134 |
| 15. Putrid urine and Sulphate of Iron | 7293 | $\begin{aligned} & 1907 \\ & 2559 \end{aligned}$ | 56 148 |

It is almost impossible to draw certain conclusions from these results, in consequence of the small scale on which the experiment was made, it is however worthy of remark that generally speaking, those stems which contained the greatest quantity of inorganic matter, contained relatively a larger proportion of alkaline salts, than those stems in which a less quantity of inorganic matter was found.

Particular attention was paid, during the examination of these plants, to the existence of Nitric Acid in them; none of the tubers were found to contain any; some of the stems did, whilst the greater number did not contain any Nitric Acid, the following table shews these differences :-

Stems which contained Nitric Acid.

| Manured with nothing. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| do. | Rotten Dung. |
| do. | Nitrate of Soda. (1.48.) |
| do. | Salt Cake. (1.48.) |
| do. | Epsom Salts. (1.48.) |
| do. | Nitrate of Soda. (2.96.) |
| do. | Sal Ammoniac. |
| do. | Nitrate of Soda and Salt Cake. (1.48.) |
| do. | Putrid Urine. |
| do. | Gas Liquor and Sulphuric Acid. |
| do. | Gas Liquor and Muriatic Acid. |
| do. | Gas Liquor and Nitric Acid. |

Stems which contained no Nitric Acid.

| 3. | Manured with Gypsum. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8. | do. | Salt Cake. (2.96.) |
| 9. | do. | Epsom Salts. (2.96.) |
| 11. | do. | Sulphate of Iron. <br> 13. <br> do. |
| Nitrate of Soda and Salt Cake. |  |  |

The fact that some of these plants contained salts of Nitric Acid, whilst others did not, is very remarkable, and of especial interest in connexion with the action of the Nitrates as manure. Professor Liebig says, in his "Chemistry in its applications to Agriculture," etc. (3rd edit. p. 233.) "The presence of a Nitrate in plants permits only one conclusion - that the nitrogen of Nitric Acid is not employed in their organism for the formation of compounds containing that element, because, if it were, at a certain period of the life of the plant, it would disappear on account of this conversion." The existence of Nitrates in a plant cannot, as it appears to me, be
considered as any evidence that the Nitrate does not supply Nitrogen to the plant. It might in the same way be argued, that Ammonia does not supply nitrogen to plants, because it is very constantly found in them. With regard to the disappearance of the Nitric Acid at a certain period of the life of the plant, it is desirable to have experimental evidence ; I have found in several cases that the proportion of Nitric Acid in plants was great when they were young and gradually diminished as they grew older. I have already adverted to the curious fact that when plants were manured with Nitrates they grew very vigorously, but were not found on examination to contain any Nitric Acid; in the experiments on potatoes just described, it appears, that those manured with Salt Cake and Nitrate of Soda (No. 13), contained no Nitric acid, whilst those manured with Salt Cake alone (No. 5), did contain Nitrates. In the course of an extensive series of experiments on plants, presently to be described, Nitric acid was found in the following:-

Potato - tubers, stems, leaves.
Yellow Stem Beet - leaves, stems and roots. Bassano Beet - root.
Whyte's Dark Red Beet - root.
Chappel's Brocoli - stems.
Victoria Brocoli - stems.
Spinach, Flanders, Lettuce-leaved and Summer-
leaves and stalks.
Fennel - leaves.
Mustard - whole plants.
Shallots - bulbs.
Tobacco - whole plants.
Rhubarb, Rbeum crispum - bad scales.
Chervil, Scandix odorata - leaf-stalks.
Turnips - roots and leaves.
Radishes - roots and leaves.
Cucumber - fruit.

Clary, Salvia Sclarea - stalks.
Green Sage - leaves.
Chenopodium Bonus Henricus or English Mercury stalks.
Chaumontel Pear - young and small unripe fruit.
Marjoram - whole plant.
Spear Mint - leaves and stalks.
Borage - leaves and stalks.
Lettuce - whole plant.
Carrots - whole plants.
Solomon's Seal - roots.
Mangel Wurzel - roots, leaves and leaf-stalks.
Savory, Summer - whole plants.
Scarlet Runners-unripe pods.
Brussels Sprouts - whole plants.
Tomato - leaves and stems.

As considerable facilities are afforded for experiments on the absorption of earthy matters, by Parasitical plants and Epiphytes several experiments were made with these curious plants. Setting out with the known fact, that all plants contain certain inorganic matters, it became interesting to enquire whence those plants which grow on or derive their nourishment from other plants, obtain their earthy matters. It follows, that if parasites derive the earthy matters necessary to their growth, from the plants on which
they feed, that the growth of the former, must, to some extent, be dependent on the quantity of inorganic matter contained by the latter. This conclusion, if born out by experiment, would lead to a subject of considerable practical interest, namely, the influence which the earthy matters in wood may have on the growth of fungi, and decay of timber.

The Mistletoe (Viscum album) derives a large proportion of earthy matters from the trees on which it grows. On examining a plant, I found in the leaves 820 , in the branches 462 , and on the stem 282 parts of inorganic matter ; whilst the apple tree on which it grew contained only $\mathbf{2 3 3}$ parts, in $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 0}$ parts of the dry plants. On examining other parasitic plants and fungi, it was found that in all cases they contained a large proportion of earthy matters, and very commonly far more than the plants on which they grew. Whether the whole of these inorganic substances was derived from the trees on which they grew is questionable, it is by no means impossible that some of it may have been derived from the air. Several fungi contain it is well known a notable quantity of copper, I have in particular found it in the large brown Boletus which grows upon Elm Trees, but I was unable to detect any in the wood or bark of the tree on which it grew.

The inorganic constituents of Epiphytes were next examined. As many of these curious plants, which grow on the stems and branches of trees, derive nourishment chiefly from the air, and seem to flourish equally well, whether their roots enter the soil, or hang freely in the air ; it was interesting to ascertain what proportion of earthy matters they contained, and whether it varied under different circumstances. It appeared probable that the quantity of inorganic matter which they contained would be smaller, than that in most plants, and that the quantity present in those which grew only in air would be less than in those whose roots entered the soil. It was found however that the leaves of Orchidaceous plants contain
about as much inorganic matter as those of cabbages and other similar plants and that there was but a trifling difference evident, whether the plants had their roots in the soil, or in the air. The proportion of earthy matter in a plant of Catasetum grown in soil and a plant of Bletia, grown wholly suspended in the air, were

|  | Water. | organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Inorganic in $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 0}$ parts dry. |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Catasetum bulbs | 8669 | 1269 | 62 | 465 |
| Bletia bulbs | 8309 | 1609 | 82 | 488 |
| Catasetum leaves | 8055 | 1791 | 154 | 794 |
| Bletia leaves | 8200 | 1658 | 142 | 793 |

Though the whole quantity of earthy matter present in the plant, as shewn by the proportion contained in the dry leaves and bulbs was nearly similar, very considerable difference was found in the nature of these substances; a proximate analysis gave

|  | Catasetum bulbs. | Bletia bulbs. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Alkaline Salts | 3752 | 3792 |
| Earthy Phosphates | 183 | 222 |
| Carbonate of Lime | 4281 | 2850 |
| Carbonate of Magnesia | 1315 | 579 |
| Siliceous matter | 428 | 2596 |
|  | 10000 | 10000 |

The examination of good and bad Timber, with a view to trace out any connection between its qualities and the inorganic substances it contains, is a subject requiring many experiments, and necessarily occupying a very long time. The following experiments, however, are complete in themselves, and possess considerable interest in connection with the present subject. In following out the general scheme of inquiry, a large collection of samples of wood from different localities, grown in various situations, and under various conditions has been made; amongst these, was a series of specimens of oak wood, for which I am indebted to Sir William Symonds, and which, in addition to their being from different parts of the world, were all of known quality, each sample being marked with a note of its quality deduced from actual experience. It is to be regretted that the majority of them were bad or inferior, even those from localities whence the very best wood is usually imported, hence, of course, they cannot be regarded as
average samples but rather as exceptions. The proportion of earthy matter which they contained, together with their locality, and relative goodness, is contained in the following Table.

| Oak Wood from | Quality. | Organic matter. | Water. | Inorganic matter. | Inorganic in 10000 parts dry. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| America (white) | bad | 9188 | 773 | 39 | 42 |
| Ditto (live oak) . | good | 9306 | 621 | 73 | 78 |
| Ditto ditto " Gibraltar" | good | 8615 | 1111 | 274 | 308 |
| Crimea | tolerable | 8909 | 1026 | 65 | 73 |
| Canada | bad | 8845 | 1132 | 23 | 27 |
| Circassian | indifferent | 9125 | 841 | 34 | 37 |
| Danzig - . | tolerable for plank | 8939 | 1037 | 24 | 27 |
| England (mean of 10.) | various . | 8888 | 1097 | 15 | 18 |
| East Prussia . | indifferent | 9143 | 832 | 25 | 28 |
| French . | bad | 8892 | 1092 | 16 | 19 |
| Farnia (Tuscany) | bad | 9234 | 722 | 44 | 52 |
| Hainault | bad | 8728 | 1258 | 14 | 16 |
| Istria | bad | 9011 | 923 | 66 | 73 |
| Poland | indifferent | 9059 | 924 | 17 | 18 |
| Podolia | bad | 8950 | 1019 | 31 | 35 |
| Russia | bad | 9013 | 977 | 10 | 11 |
| Styria | indifferent and light | 8985 | 997 | 18 | 20 |
| Sardinia | good . . | 8969 | 1003 | 28 | 32 |
| Tuscany | good | 8899 | 917 | 184 | 202 |
| Ischia | good for plank | 9025 | 957 | 18 | 20 |

The larger proportion of earthy matters in the oak of southern countries is remarkable, as contrasted with the smaller quantity found in English oak, and the oak of northern countries generally. Still from this table no general conclusion can be drawn as to the relation between the inorganic substances and the quality of the wood.

To the kindness of Sir W. Symonds, I am also indebted for samples of English oak and Danzig fir in the first stages of dry rot. In both of these, the proportion of inorganic matter is very large ; the result of the examination of these samples, together with that of two good samples of sound Memel and Danzig fir, is given in the following Table.

|  | Organic matter. | Water. | Inorganic matter. | Inorganic in 10000 parts dry. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oak Timber beginning to decay | 6738 | 3230 | 32 | 47 |  |
| Oak Plank ditto ditto | 7273 | 2682 | 35 | 49 |  |
| Fir Timber ditto ditto | 6046 | 3756 | 198 | 318 |  |
| Fir Timber, Memel, sound | 8778 | 1201 | 21 | 24 |  |
| Fir Timber, Danzig, sound | 9084 | 899 | 17 | 19 |  |

Generally speaking the young parts of plants contain far more Inorganic matter than the older parts; after a certain time, and particularly when woody fibre is formed, the organic part of the
plant continues to increase far more rapidly than the inorganic matters do : hence the real proportion of the latter appears to decrease. In the experiment however, on Savoys, first described, it would seem that the young leaves contained in reality less earthy matter, than the older leaves; and that in them the proportion of inorganic to organic matter, was smaller than in the older leaves. On comparison it was found that a very marked difference existed in the composition of these inorganic matters; a proximate analysis gave


The young leaves of the Savoy are so completely protected from air and light that they can hardly be well compared with the young leaves of ordinary plants, which as soon as they emerge from the bud are to a greater or less degree exposed to the light. In order to ascertain what influence Light has on the absorption of inorganic matters, a number of hyacinths were grown, some in light and some in darkness; the following were the results. The bulbs selected were as nearly as possible similar in size and weight; half were planted in dark and half in light, some in water only, others in rich artificial soil, and the rest in sand. Four of the roots being dried thoroughly and burnt, their composition was found to be very nearly uniform ; they consisted of 6435 water, 3442 organic matter, and 123 parts of inorganic matter. After growing and flowering the plants were examined; in some instances those grown in the dark contained the greatest proportion of inorganic matters, whilst in other cases they were found to contain less, than those grown in light. The average of the whole series was


The differences in the quantity of inorganic matter between those grown in light, and those grown in darkness, were comparatively small; it is evident however that there was no great deficiency of inorganic matter in the plants which grew in the dark; and this was the result arrived at from numerous experiments on other plants. In many cases it was found that the plants which grew in the dark, contained the greatest quantity of inorganic matter ; but this was not always the case; and the general conclusion appeared to be that light does not exert any decided influence on the absorption of these substances. In the experiment on Hyacinths just described, some remarkable effects were observed, which though not altogether new, are worthy of record. The plants which grew in the dark were much the largest and much the most succulent, the leaves and stems were perfectly white, but the flowers were in all cases quite as brilliant in colour as those which grew in light; they were however nearly devoid of scent. The colour of those which grew in the dark appeared to be more permanent than the others, for, on drying, they retained their colour perfectly; whilst those which grew in light, faded, and soon became dingy.

A number of experiments were also made to determine what influence the Salts of Ammonia had on the absorption of earthy matters, and their result was more definite; it appeared that salts of Ammonia almost always caused an increased absorption of inorganic substances, and more especially influenced the absorption of Potash from the soil, and the formation of Nitre. It had been anticipated from previous experiments, that salts of Ammonia would, by causing plants to grow more vigorously, enable them to take more potash \&c. from the soil, so that the whole quantity of inorganic matter which each plant contained, would be incteased, but that the relation which existed between it, and the organic matter would be unaltered. The result of a number of
experiments however shewed, that the proportion of inorganic to organic matter, was increased in a greater proportion by salts of Ammonia than by salts of the fixed Alkalies. The following are a few examples of their effects.

Perfectly similar plants of broad leaved summer Spinach were manured, some with Sulphate of Ammonia, and others with Nitrate of Potash ; the salts being applied in tolerably large quantity, as a top dressing. Both manures produced a remarkable effect, increasing the size of the leaves very greatly, and causing the plants to grow with the utmost vigour. On examination they were found to consist of

|  |  |  |  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Inorganic matter in 10000 pts . dry. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Manured with Sulphate of Ammonia | leaves |  | - | 9229 | 589 | 182 | 2370 |
| Do. do. do. | stems | - | . | 9601 | 288 | 111 | 2791 |
| Manured with Nitrate of Potash | leaves |  | . | 9098 | 717 | 185 | 2057 |
| Do. do. do. | stems | - | - | 9586 | 310 | 104 | 2516 |

By the last column it appears, that a considerably larger quantity of inorganic matter was taken up, by the plants manured with sulphate of Ammonia, than by those treated with Nitrate of Potash; the former also were the most succulent, but in size and appearance when growing, there was no perceptible difference.

A similar experiment was made with Shallots. The colour of the plants was much darkened, and their size was increased, but not to the same extent as with the Spinach. The Shallots contained

|  | Water. | Organic <br> mater. | Inorganie <br> matter. | Inorganic matter in <br> 10000 pts. dry. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Manured with Sulphate of Ammonia | - | 8686 | 1221 | 93 | 717 |
| Manured with Nitrate of Soda | $\cdot$ | 8455 | 1450 | 95 | 619 |

A third experiment on Tobacco also gave a similar result; in this case Phosphate of Ammonia was compared with Nitrate of Potash. The plants were examined after flowering, and were much older than those described in a previous experiment, (p.39.) The composition of the leaves and stalks was

| Manured with | Phosphate of Ammonia do. do. | leaves stalks | Water. <br> 8315 <br> 7948 | Organie matter <br> 1340 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Inorganic } \\ \text { matter. } \end{gathered}$$345$ | Inorganic matter in 10000 pts . dry. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 2047 |
|  |  |  |  | 1930 | 122 | 596 |
| Manured with | Nitrate of Potash | leaves | 8370 | 1300 | 330 | 2006 |
| Do. | do. do. | stalks | 7838 | 2040 | 122 | 566 |

In order to facilitate subsequent experiments, and to supply data for any calculations, which might be required, it appears desirable to ascertain by careful experiments, the exact quantity of inorganic matter taken up from the soil by the more ordinary plants when growing in full vigour. Accordingly, a series of the most important vegetables, herbs, and fruits, in the Gardens of the Society, has been submitted to this kind of investigation, and a portion of the results is embodied in the following Table; which shews the proportion of water, organic and inorganic matter contained in the various plants examined, together with the proportion which the inorganic bore to the organic part of the dry plant. The plants were all carefully selected, none but clean healthy specimens being taken; they were dried in a stove at a temperature of about $200^{\circ}$ Fahr. ; and were considered dry when several hours exposure to that temperature occasioned no further reduction in weight. The dry plants were burnt to coal on porcelain, or polished iron plates heated by gas lamps, and the coals incinerated at the lowest possible temperature in platinum basins.

|  | Water. | Organic matter | Inorganic matter. | Inorganic matter in Dry Plant. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Artichoke, Globe . . heads | 8598 | 1309 | 93 | 665 |
| 2. Do. . . . leaves | 8944 | 943 | 113 | 1073 |
| 3. Jerusalem . tubers large | 7852 | 2028 | 120 | 558 |
| 4. Do. . tubers small | 7566 | 2298 | 136 | 562 |
| 5. Asparagus, heads : . large | 9210 | 735 | 55 | 705 |
| 6. . middling | 9239 | 708 | 53 | 700 |
| 7. $\because *$ small | 9132 | 802 | 66 | 767 |
| 8. Beans, French, forced pods | 9317 | 619 | 64 | 945 |
| 9. Haricot, noire de Belge . pods | 9223 | 727 | 60 | 762 |
| 10. Scarlet-runners pods | 9451 | 483 | 66 | 1213 |
| 11. Broad Windsor . plants in blossom | 8998 | 891 | 111 | 1111 |
| 12. Do. without shells | 8560 | 1363 | 77 | 538 |
| 13. Do. shells alone | 9042 | 889 | 69 365 | 2995 |
| 14. Kidney . . leaves | 8781 | 854 | 365 | 2995 |
| 15. Early Mazagan plants | 9110 | 1151 | 123 | 1390 870 |
| 16. Beet, Bassano . . roots | 8730 | 1151 | 1191 | 1433 |
| 17. Do. . . . leaves | 8700 | 1109 | 109 | 1729 |
| 18. - Castelnaudary roots | 8501 | 1390 | 156 | 1396 |
| 19. - Do. . . . leaves | 8877 | 967 1198 | 112 | 885 |
| 20. White sugar . . roots | 8690 | 1198 | 112 | 1335 |
| 21. Do. . . . leaves | 8905 | 849 | 146 | 1335 |
| 22. Whyte's Dark red i. roots | 8962 | 909 | 129 | - 1245 |
| 23. Red-stalked Leaf , roots | 8258 | 1628 | 189 | 1578 |
| 24. Do. . $\quad$ D leaves | 8799 | 1012 | 189 | 725 |
| 25. Yellow-stalked Leaf . roots | 8269 | 1605 | 126 | 1125 |
| 26. Do. . . . leaves | 8782 | 1081 | 115 | 581 |
| 27. White-stalked Leaf roots | 7994 | 1891 1039 | 115 | 1454 |
| 28. - Do. . . leaves | 8785 | 1039 | 176 |  |




|  |  |  | Water. | Organic matter | Inorganic matter. | Inorganic matter in Dry Plant. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 164. | Horseradish | leaves | 8496 | 1300 | 204 | 1348 |
| 165. | - . . . | roots | 6879 | 2945 | 176 | 564 |
| 166. | Lovage | leaves | 8612 | 1211 | 177 | 1275 |
| 167. | 促 | stalks | 9359 | 534 | 107 | 1764 |
| 168. | Lavender | plant | 7615 | 2224 | 161 | 676 |
| 169. |  | flowers | 7550 | 2232 | 218 | 892 |
| 170. | Mustard . . y | young plants | 9462 | 436 | 102 | 1910 |
| 171. | Marsh Mallow | plant | 8420 | 1356 | 224 | 1421 |
| 172. | Marjoram | plant | 8815 | 1001 | 184 | 1558 |
| 173. | -_ knotted | plant | 7949 | 1749 | 302 | 1476 |
| 174. P | Parsley, curled | leaves | 8430 | 1299 | 271 | 1728 |
| 175. | Patience (Rumex Patientia) | leaves | 8800 | 1088 | 112 | 1101 |
| 176. | - | stalks | 9197 | 729 | 74 | 924 |
| 177. | Peppermint | plant | 8077 | 1650 | 237 | 1420 |
| 178. | - . . . | leaves | 8724 | 1147 | 129 | 1012 |
| 179. | Rosemary | plant | 5239 | 4527 | 234 | 491 |
| 180. | Rue | plant | 7791 | 2042 | 167 | 257 |
| 181. | Sorrel | leaves | 9207 | 702 | 91 | 1152 |
| 182. | - | flowers | 8480 | 1432 | 88 | 582 |
| 183. | -- French | leaves | 9354 | 564 | 78 | 1225 |
| 184. | Southernwood | leaves | 7787 | 2034 | 179 | 808 |
| 185. |  | stalks | 5631 | 4257 | 112 | 255 |
| 186. | Sage, purple | leaves | 7515 | 2240 | 245 | 988 |
| 187. | - Do. | stalks | 5332 | 4476 | 192 | 411 |
| 188. | - green | leaves | 8416 | 1369 | 215 | 1361 |
| 189. | - Do. | stalks | 5333 | 4416 | 251 | 539 |
| 190. | Spearmint | plant | 8867 | 988 | 145 | 1285 |
| 191. | Savory, Summer | plant | 8252 | 1553 | 195 | 1119 |
| 192. | --Winter | plant | 6899 | 2936 | 165 | 534 |
| 193. | Solomon's Seal | roots | 7522 | 2406 | 72 | 293 |
| 194. | Thyme | plant | 5953 | 3787 | 260 | 644 |
| 195. | Tansy, curled | - leaves | 8465 | 1372 | 163 | 1067 |
| 196. | Tobacco, broad leaved Virginian | young plants | 8917 | 843 | 240 | 2215 |
| 197. | Watercress | plant | 9260 | 633 | 107 | 1450 |
| 198. | Wormwood, Common | plant | 8193 | 1597 | 210 | 1165 |
|  | - Roman | plant | 7689 | 2097 | 214 | 927 |
|  | Apple | blossoms | 8424 | 1478 | 98 | 627 |
| 201. | ——Dutch Mignonne, | small unripe | 8972 | 978 | 50 | 487 |
| 202. | —— Do. ${ }^{*}$. | ripe | 8559 | 1420 | 21 | 151 |
| 203. | - Court of Wick, | small unripe | 8839 | 1114 | 47 | 411 |
| 204. | - Do. ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | ripe | 8525 | 1438 | 37 | 252 |
| 205. | -_ Nonpareil | ripe | 8012 | 1961 | 27 | 140 |
| 206. | -_ Ribstone Pippin | ripe | 7905 | 2051 | 44 | 214 |
| 207. | - Golden Pippin, | seedling | 8024 | 1929 | 47 | 241 |
| 208. | -Wellington | - ripe | 8376 | 1595 | 29 | 184 |
| 209. | - Blenheim Pippin | ripe | 8486 | 1491 | 23 | 157 |
| 211. | - Golden Reinette | - ripe | 7825 | 2140 | 35 | 162 |
| 212. | -_Canada Reinette | . ripe | 8489 | 1481 | 30 | 198 |
| 213. | Currants, White Dutch | ripe | 8742 | 1191 | 67 | 533 |
| 214. | - Knigbt's Sweet Red, | - unripe | 8959 | 986 | 55 | 532 |
| 215. | - Do. | ripe | 8593 | 1355 | 52 | 373 |
|  | - Black | blossoms | 8625 | 1255 | 120 | 872 |
|  | $\square{ }^{-}$Do. ${ }^{\text {+ }}$ | leaves | 7404 | 2342 | 254 | 980 |
|  | $\square$ Black Naples | unripe | 8578 | 1317 | 105 | 741 |
|  | Cherry, Bigarreau | ripe | 8023 | 1879 | 98 | 498 |
|  | Cherry, Digarreau | unripe | 8792 | 1157 | 51 | 422 |
|  | $=\mathrm{Do}_{0}$ | larger | 8503 | 1447 | 50 | 336 |
| 223. | Kentish | ripe | 8237 | 1715 | 48 | 272 |
| 224. | - Do. | unripe | 8682 | 1270 | 48 | 364 |
| 225. | Gooseberries | young green | 8482 | 1476 | 42 | 309 |
| 226. | - Woodward's Whites | esmith ripe | 8765 | 1188 | 44 | 440 |
|  | - Dark Red Rough | - ripe | 8572 | 1373 | 45 | 384 |
|  | $\longrightarrow$ Red Champagne | ripe | 8447 | 1516 | 37 | 141 |
|  | - White Crystal | ripe | 8605 | 1345 | 50 | 412 |
|  | - White Walnut | - ripe | 8799 | 1151 | 50 | 416 |

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In order to carry out more fully the objects contemplated in the experiments on Savoys and Potatoes already described, a series of experiments were made the succeeding year, on a much larger scale, but with a more limited number of manures. Four plants were selected for the purpose, namely Wheat, Potatoes, Peas and Mangel Wurzel. These experiments are now so far concluded, that the practical effects produced by the different manures, are known; the variations in the chemical composition of the crops, obtained by the manures, is at present being investigated. All the experiments made at the gardens, were under the care of Mr. Robert Thompson. The following is a description of the mode in which the experiments were conducted, the manures employed, and the produce obtained; the chemical enquiries which these experiments give
rise to, and the conclusions which may be drawn from them, will form the subject of a future communication.

A piece of ground divided into twenty-four beds, was sown with Talavera Spring Wheat, drilled in rows, six inches apart on the 21st of March. The ground was tolerably uniform and had not received any manure for some years, having previously been used for the cultivation of garden annuals. It was however in good condition; in fact as the results of the experiments shewed, in rather too good condition for the purpose. On the 19th of April, the plants being fairly up, and from two to four inches in height, the manures were applied, being sown broadcast across the drills. Twenty-two of the squares were manured, two and two, with eleven different substances, whilst the remaining two were left without any manure. On the 1st of June, the plants being then about a foot and a half high, twelve of the squares, eleven of them having different saline manures, and the twelfth being one of those left without any manure, received in addition an equal quantity of silicate of Potash; thus the first square had a saline manure alone, the next had the same saline manure and in addition a quantity of silicate of Potash ; the next had a second saline manure, the fourth had the same saline manure, with the addition of silicate of Potash, and so on; one square alone being left without any manure whatever as a standard of comparison. Towards the end of July, the Wheat came into blossom, it was cut at the end of August, and threshed out early in September. During the growth of the plants and ripening of the grain, very marked distinctions were perceptible ; these are described in the following details.

1. Phosphate of Ammonia. The quantity of this salt taken was rather more than 2 lbs . per rod or 3 cwt . per acre. The value of the salt can hardly be fairly compared with other saline manures, as, the demand for it being very small, it has not yet been made on a scale of any magnitude, and hence it is difficult to state
at what price it might be prepared. The salt employed in this experiment was pure ; for practical use of course a commoner and cheaper salt might be employed. The experimental squares were rather less than a rod each, the results are however all calculated for a rod and likewise for the acre.

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 58 | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | per acre $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | 18 |
| Grain | 10 | 10 |  | 15 | 21 |
| Straw | 42 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 80 |
| Chaff | 5 | 12 |  | 8 | 29 |

The proportion of corn to the whole produce therefore was as 1804 to 10000 . The average weight of the seeds was ascertained by weighing a known number, generally from 1500 to 2000. One thousand seeds weighed 653 grains. The density of the wheat was found by weighing a given bulk; a brass measure holding exactly the hundredth part of a bushel was used; twelve weighings were made of each sample; and the mean of the whole twelve taken as representing the average specific gravity of the wheat. The average weight of the standard measure full was 4167 grains, hence the bushel would weigh $59 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{lbs}$.

It is necessary to observe that the quantity of corn, its density, and the weight of a thousand grains, as given in the following pages, is throughout deduced from the undressed corn. It was not dressed or screened in any way, but the whole corn, just as it was threshed out, was taken; hence some of the samples appear extremely light and cannot be fairly compared with dressed samples; the weights are merely comparative, but cannot be taken as expressing the real goodness of the corn.

The effect produced on the growth of the young plants by this salt was very marked, in about a week after applying it the plants looked rather poor, a few of them being killed or the leaves turned brown; in three weeks a decided improvement was visible, the blades were larger and greener than those in the squares numbered 3, 4,5 and 6, and in fact looked very flourishing. The dark
colour of the blades and the superior height of the plants increased, and remained very marked until the wheat came into ear.
2. Phosphate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash. The same quantity of Phosphate of Ammonia was used in this, as in the preceding experiment. The plants received in addition a quantity of pure silicate of Potash, corresponding to a hundred weight and a half per acre. The silicate employed was very pure, having been made by slowly fusing together white quartz sand, previously well boiled in nitro-muriatic acid and thoroughly washed, with pure carbonate of Potash. It was white, perfectly transparent, and entirely soluble in water. The silicate was applied to the plants in solution, a weak solution being poured between the rows, taking care not to wet the blades. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 58 | 0 | per acre 4 | 2 | 109 |
| Grain | 6 | 8 |  | 9 | 40 |
| Straw | 45 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 105 |
| Chaff | 6 | 1 |  | 8 | 76 |

The proportion of corn to the whole crop was therefore as 1137 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 584 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4070 grains, hence the bushel would weigh $58 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{lbs}$. The remarks just made with respect to No. 1 , Phosphate of Ammonia alone, may be equally applied to this square, which like No. 1 might until the plants came into ear be easily distinguished at a distance from the four following squares by the superior height and darker green colour of the blades. The quantity of corn produced both in Nos. 1 and 2 was less than had been expected from the appearance of the plants and the size and quantity of the ears formed; it is probable that a considerable portion of the corn was carried away from both these squares, but more particularly from No. 2, by the birds; it being more exposed than the other squares to their depredations.
3. Sulphate of Soda. The substance taken in this experiment was not a pure sulphate of Soda, but the impure salt, called Salt
cake, a substance manufactured on a very large scale by acting on common salt by sulphuric acid, for the purpose of being subsequently converted into carbonate of Soda or "Soda." Its value is about £3. $10 s$. per ton, hence the quantity applied would cost $10 s .6 d$. per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per rod 37 | 13 | per acre 2 | 13 | 14 |
| Whole crop | 8 | 2 |  | 11 | 70 |
| Grain | 25 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| Straw | 4 | 8 |  | 6 | 46 |

The proportion of corn to the whole crop was therefore as 2188 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 610 grains. The brass standard measure full weighed 4114 grains, consequently the bushel would weigh $58 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{lbs}$. The plants in this as well as those in the succeeding square, No. 4, had throughout but a sickly appearance, they looked weak, and were a good deal laid by the wind, much more so than the two preceding squares, Nos. 1 and 2, although the latter plants were larger and taller than those in 3 and 4.
4. Sulphate of Soda and Silicate of Potash. The plants in the fourth square received these substances, at the rate of 3 cwt. of the former and $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the latter per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. |  | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per rod | 47 | 13 | per acre 3 | 9 | 46 |
| Whole crop | 8 | 3 |  | 12 | 58 |  |
| Grain | 8 | 10 |  | 2 | 13 | 62 |
| Straw | 36 | 10 |  | 4 | 38 |  |

The proportion of corn to the whole crop was therefore as 1803 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 566 grains. The standard measure full weighed 3987 grains, consequently the bushel would weigh 57 lbs .
5. Salt. Common Salt was applied to this square at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre. This, reckoning salt at £1. 15s. per ton, would cost $4 s .6 d$. per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per rod | 56 | 3 | per acre 3 | 19 | 72 |
| Whole crop | 13 | 8 |  | 18 | 71 |  |
| Grain | 37 | 13 |  | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| Straw | 4 | 14 |  | 7 | 1 |  |

The proportion of corn to the whole crop was therefore as

2339 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 731 grains. The standard measure full, weighed 4228 grains, consequently the bushel would weigh $60 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs. The plants in this and the succeeding square, No. 6, looked throughout rather better than those in the two preceding squares Nos. 3 and 4; they were not, however, so much better as to have rendered it probable that the crop would be so much larger than Nos. 3 and 4, as the result proved it to be.
6. Common Salt and Silicate of Potash. Manured with these substances at the rate of 3 cwt . of the former, and $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the latter, per acre, the produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | per rod | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | 13 | per acre | 3 |
| 8 | 8 | 44 |  |  |  |
| Whole crop | 8 | 3 |  | 11 | 81 |
| Grain | 36 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 37 |
| Straw | 3 | 0 |  |  | 4 |
| Chaff |  |  |  | 38 |  |

The proportion of corn to the whole crop was therefore as 1721 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 654 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4124 grains, consequently the bushel would weigh 59 lbs.
7. Muriate of Ammonia. Manured with this salt at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre, which, reckoning the salt worth £2. 2 s. per cwt., would cost £6. 6s. per acre. In almost all the experiments made at the Horticultural Gardens with the salts of Ammonia, Muriate of Ammonia has produced a greater effect than the Sulphate or even the Phosphate. It is probable that this salt would for many soils be a very valuable manure. The price just quoted, which is that ordinarily stated, is however very high ; and it becomes a question of some interest, whether it could not be obtained at a much lower cost. The common Muriate of Ammonia or Sal Ammoniac, is prepared chiefly from the Sulphate of Ammonia and Common Salt, which are mixed and then heated in a subliming apparatus. It is evident that for the purpose of manure, a more impure salt than that prepared by sublimation might be used. Perhaps the best process for preparing it would be to mix together Muriate of

Lime, a substance which can be procured at a very low cost, with Sulphate of Ammonia; when water is present these salts instantly decompose each other. The result of such a mixture would be Muriate of Ammonia and Sulphate of Lime, and would, probably, form an excellent manure. It might also be worth while to form Muriate of Ammonia by mixing Muriate of Lime and the crude Ammoniacal Gas liquor, in which case Muriate of Ammonia and Carbonate of Lime would result. The tarry matter always present in Ammoniacal liquor would perhaps be objectionable, hence the mixture of Sulphate of Ammonia and Muriate of Lime appears preferable. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per rod 57 | 13 | per acre | 4 | 2 |
| 72 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whole crop | 12 | 9 | 17 | 111 |  |
| Grain | 37 | 10 |  | 2 | 13 |
| Straw | 7 | 10 |  | 10 | 99 |
| Chaff |  |  |  |  |  |

The proportion of corn to the whole crop therefore was as 2176 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 700 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4173 grains, hence the bushel would weigh $59 \frac{\mathrm{I}}{2} \mathrm{lbs}$. In about three weeks from the time of applying the Salt, an evident alteration in the appearance of the wheat became visible; the plants were of a dark green colour, like those which had been manured with Phosphate of Ammonia, but even yet darker. They grew rapidly, the blades were large, and the plants very flourishing; they could readily be distinguished from the plants in $3,4,5$ and 6 , by their superior size and deep green colour. In consequence of the rankness of the plants, they were a good deal laid.
8. Muriate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash. Manured with these substances at the rate of 3 cwt . of the former and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ of the latter per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. |  | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 70 | 3 | per acre 5 | 14 | 65 |  |
| Grain | 10 | 8 |  | 15 | 0 |  |
| Straw | 67 | 15 |  | 4 | 17 | 12 |
| Chaff | 1 | 12 |  |  | 2 | 53 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 1309
to $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 0}$. One thousand seeds weighed $\mathbf{6 1 0}$ grains. The standard measure full weighed 4023 grains; hence the bushel would weigh $57 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs. The plants in this, like those in the preceding square, were remarkable for their size and the deep green colour of their blades. They were rather stiffer and therefore less laid than those in No. 7.
9. Phosphate of Lime. The Phosphate employed was nearly pure, it was prepared from the super-phosphate of Lime formed by acting on Bone-ash by Sulphuric Acid. The ground was manured with it at the rate of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt. per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | ox. | ton. |  | cwt. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | lbs. |  |  |  |  |
| Whole crop | per rod 52 | 15 | per acre 3 | 15 | 72 |
| Grain | 11 | 4 |  | 16 | 7 |
| Straw | 35 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 52 |
| Chaff | 6 | 6 |  | 9 | 13 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 2123 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 628 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4166, hence the bushel would weigh $59 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{lbs}$. The plants in this and the following square were rather poor, and somewhat paler in colour than those in the standard square 13.
10. Phosphate of Lime and Silicate of Potash. Manured with these substances at the rate of $4 \frac{\mathrm{I}}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the former, and $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the latter per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. |  | cwt. | lbs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 55 | 7 | per acre | 19 | 9 |
| Grain | 11 | 9 |  | 16 | 37 |
| Straw | 39 | 2 |  | 15 | 105 |
| Chaff | 4 | 12 |  | 6 | 91 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 2076 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 585 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4015 grains, hence the bushel would weigh $57 \frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
11. Muriate of Potash. This Salt was applied at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre; it was nearly pure, and cost $18 s$. per cwt. There is however an impure Muriate of Potash known in trade under the
name of Petre salt, and costing about $4 s$. per cwt. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. |  | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod | 58 | 10 | per aere 4 | 3 | 70 |
| Grain | 13 | 10 |  | 19 | 25 |  |
| Straw | 39 | 10 | 2 | 16 | 75 |  |
| Chaff | 5 | 6 |  | 7 | 82 |  |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 2272 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 712 grains. The standard measure full, weighed 4233 grains; hence the bushel would weigh $60 \frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

During the first few weeks after the application of this Salt, no effect whatever was perceptible; the plants looked poor, they grew up thin, and the blades were small, but they were stiff and the straw strong. When the wheat came into ear it looked far better than it had previously done, and the stiffness of the straw became more evident, for when those which had received Ammoniacal manures were all laid, the plants in this square were not laid at all. During the filling of the grain, a very remarkable effect was observed; the straw ripened and became of a bright yellow colour some time before that in most of the surrounding squares began to change. This effect which was very distinct and marked was perceived only in those squares which had been manured with Muriate and Sulphate of Potash, viz. 11, 12, 21 and 22, but in the two latter cases the appearance was less distinct than in those to which the Muriate of Potash had been applied.
12. Muriate of Potash and Silicate of Potash. These substances were applied at the rate of 3 cwt . of the former and $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the latter per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | on. |  | ton. | cwt. | lhe. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per rod | 61 | 5 | per acre 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Whole crop | 10 | 7 |  | 14 | 24 |  |
| Grain | 47 | 7 |  | 3 | 7 | 94 |
| Straw | 3 | 7 |  |  | 4 | 107 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 1633 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 619 grains. The
standard measure full, weighed 4081 grains; hence the bushel full would weigh $58 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{lbs}$.
13. No Manure. This square, which was reserved as a standard of comparison with the other squares, received no manure whatever. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 40 | 6 | per acre 2 | 17 | 77 |
| Grain | 7 | 10 |  | 10 | 98 |
| Straw | 30 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Chaff | 2 | 10 |  | 3 | 84 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 1885 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 596 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4107 grains; hence the bushel would weigh $58 \frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

In the early part of the experiment, shortly after the application of the manures, the plants in this square looked, if anything, rather better than any of the others; they seemed larger and fuller, and consequently this square appeared greener than those around it. After a few weeks however many of the squares, and more particularly those which had been treated with ammoniacal manures, far surpassed this in the size and colour of the plants. It was evident, as the wheat came into ear, that the straw was far weaker than that in the neighbouring squares; it was far more easily laid and recovered itself less rapidly than the wheat in other squares, even though the latter were larger and taller plants. On comparing the produce of this square with that of the others, it will be perceived that the quantity of grain is less than in any of the others, with the exception of that manured with Phosphate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash in No. 2. It is probable, as has already been stated, that a considerable portion of the grain in that square was destroyed by birds.
14. Silicate of Potash. This square was manured with Silicate of Potash, at the rate of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt. per acre. The produce was

|  | Lbs. | ox. |  | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 48 | 6 | per acre 3 | 9 | 11 |  |
| Grain | 9 | 3 |  | 13 | 12 |  |
| Straw | 34 |  | 2 | 8 | 62 |  |
| Chaff | 5 | 3 |  | 7 | 49 |  |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 1905 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 553 grains. The standard measure full weighed 3942 grains; hence the bushel would weigh $56 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{lbs}$. There was a decided improvement in the appearance of this wheat, over that of the standard square; the plants were larger, the ears finer, and the straw stiffer.
15. Sulphate of Lime or Gypsum. Applied at the rate of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt. per acre; it was finely powdered and spread over the ground as uniformly as possible. The price of Gypsum varies a good deal ; reckoning it at 35 s. per ton, the above quantity would cost 7s. $10 \frac{1}{2} d$. per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. |  | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per rod | 60 | 11 | per acre | 4 | 6 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was, as 2310 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 639 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4204 grains, hence the bushel would weigh 60 lbs . Within a short time from the application of the Gypsum, the wheat exhibited an improved appearance, the blades were longer, and more healthy looking, though paler in colour than those of the standard. This superiority was evident during the whole time of their growth, but the difference was not so great as to make it probable that there would be so great a difference in the produce as there proved to be.
16. Sulphate of Lime and Silicate of Potash. These substances were applied at the rate of $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the former, and $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the latter per acre. The produce was

|  | Jbs. | oz. | ton. | owt. | lbw |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per rod 71 | 9 | per acre | 5 | 2 | 38 |
| Whole crop | 11 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 37 |  |
| Grain | 14 | 12 | 3 | 13 | 107 |  |
| Straw | 51 | 12 |  | 8 | 6 |  |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 1986 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 645 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4077 grains, hence the bushel
would weigh $58 \frac{1}{4}$ lbs. The same observations made to Gypsum alone 15 may be applied to this square, the plants in it were rather finer than in No. 16.
17. Sulphate of Ammonia. This salt was applied at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre. Sulphate of Ammonia is now made on a large scale from the refuse ammoniacal liquor of the gas works, either by the addition of Sulphuric Acid, or by a cheap sulphate, such as the Sulphate of Iron. The price of Sulphate of Ammonia is about 16s. per cwt.; the abovementioned quantity therefore would cost £2. 8s. per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. |  |  | cwt. |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | lbs. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whole crop | per rod 60 | 3 | per acre 4 | 6 | 9 |  |
| Grain | 12 | 6 |  | 17 | 82 |  |
| Straw | 41 | 7 | 2 | 19 | 26 |  |
| Chaff | 6 | 6 |  |  | 9 | 13 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 2061 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 651 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4166 grains, hence the bushel would weigh $59 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs. The plants in this and the following square 18 began to show a marked difference in about three weeks after the application of the salt; the plants grew very vigorously, and had the same deep green which distinguished those manured with Muriate of Ammonia, 7 and 8. If there was any visible difference between the effects produced by the Muriate and Sulphate, it was in favour of the former; the plants manured with that salt were perhaps a little more luxuriant than those treated with the Sulphate. The plants in this and the following square were rather less laid than those manured with the Muriate 7 and 8.
18. Sulphate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash. These substances were applied at the rate of 3 cwt. of the former and $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the latter per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | er. |  | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 50 | 6 | per acre | 4 | 6 | 41 |
| Grain | 11 | 11 |  |  | 16 | 85 |
| Straw | 46 | 2 |  | 3 | 5 | 100 |
| Chafi | 2 | 9 |  |  | 3 | 80 |

The proportion of grain to the whole produce therefore was as 1940 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 619 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4096 grains, hence the bushel would weigh $58 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
19. Sulphate of Magnesia, Epsom Salts. This salt was applied at the rate of 3 cwt . per acre. Its value is about £12. per ton, hence the quantity used would cost $£ 1.16 s$. per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Whole crop | per rod 56 | 7 | per acre 4 | 0 | 76 |
| Grain | 12 | 0 |  | 17 | 17 |  |
| Straw | 37 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 100 |  |
| Chaff | 6 | 12 |  | 9 | 71 |  |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 2125 to $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 0}$. One thousand seeds weighed 671 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4170 grains, hence the bushel would weigh $59 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs. The effect produced by this salt on the growth of the wheat appeared to be small, the plants looked very little better than those in the standard square ; the straw appeared to be rather stronger.
20. Sulphate of Magnesia and Silicate of Potash. These substances were applied at the rate of 3 cwt . of the former and $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. of the latter per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. |  | ton. | ewt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per | rod 58 | 13 | per acre 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Whole crop | 12 | 5 |  | 17 | 65 |  |
| Grain | 12 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 15 |  |
| Straw | 43 | 8 |  |  | 4 | 38 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 2091 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 624 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4106 grains, hence the bushel would weigh $58 \frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
21. Sulphate of Potash. This salt was applied at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre. Sulphate of Potash is the residue of the ordinary process for the manufacture of Nitric Acid, in which Nitrate of Potash is decomposed by Sulphuric Acid. The price of the Sulphate varies, in part depending on the price of the Nitrate, its
average value is about $£ 14$ per ton, hence the above quantity would cost £2. 28 . per acre. The produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. |  | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 47 | 7 | per acre 3 | 7 | 87 |  |
| Grain | 10 | 11 |  | 15 | 34 |  |
| Straw | 30 | 13 |  | 2 | 3 | 107 |
| Chaff | 5 | 15 |  | 8 | 58 |  |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 2257 to 10000. One thousand seeds weighed 651 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4195 grains, hence the bushel would weigh 60 lbs.

This salt decidedly produced a beneficial effect on the wheat; the plants were large and flourishing, the straw appeared stiffer than most of the others, and when the wheat had come into ear and the grains were ripening, the remarkable change in colour adverted to when describing the effect produced by Muriate of Potash, was observed.
22. Sulphate of Potash and Silicate of Potash. These substances were applied at the rate of 3 cwt . of the former and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt. of the latter, the produce was

|  | lbs. | oz. | ton. | ewt. | lbs. |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 72 | 0 | per acre 5 | 4 | 66 |  |
| Grain | 12 | 0 |  | 19 | 23 |  |
| Straw | 55 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 64 |  |
| Chaff |  | 4 | 12 |  | 6 | 91 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop was therefore as 1836 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 610 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4069 grains. Hence the bushel would weigh $58 \frac{1}{4}$ lbs. The plants in this square were very large and healthy, the straw was remarkably stiff, and the ears were larger and full. On comparing together all the squares manured with Silicate of Potash, the plants in this square appeared the finest.
23. Nitrate of Soda. This salt was applied at the rate of $\mathbf{3} \mathbf{c w t}$. per acre. At the present price of $£ 17$. per ton, this quantity would cost £2.11s. The produce was

|  | lus. | os. |  | ton. | cwt. | lls, |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Whole crop | per rod 59 | 6 | per acce | 4 | 4 | 109 |
| Grain | 11 | 10 |  | 16 | 72 |  |
| Straw | 41 | 11 |  | 2 | 19 | 70 |
| Chafl | 6 | 1 |  | 8 | 79 |  |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 1958 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 651 grains. The standard measure full weighed 4242 grains. Hence the bushel would weigh $60 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs. The Nitrate of Soda in this and the following square produced a very luxuriant growth, closely resembling that caused by the salts of Ammonia; the plants appeared to be weaker than those manured with ammoniacal compounds, for though no larger, they were more laid than the others were.
24. Nitrate of Soda and Silicate of Potash. These substances were applied at the rate of 3 cwt . of the former, and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ of the latter. The produce was

|  | lbs. | ot. |  | ton. | ewt. | lbs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | per rod 56 | 15 |  | per acre 4 | 1 | 46 |
| Whole crop | 9 | 8 |  |  | 13 | 63 |
| Grain | 42 | 4 |  | 3 | 0 | 46 |
| Straw | 5 | 3 |  |  | 7 | 49 |

The proportion of grain to the whole crop therefore was as 1666 to 10000 . One thousand seeds weighed 562 grains. The standard measure full weighed 3952 grains. Hence the bushel would weigh $56 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

From the comparatively small scale on which these experiments were made, it is evident that the results cannot be considered as giving exactly the relative effects produced by the different manures employed, the experiments were however carefully made, and possess considerable interest in themselves, even independent of the chemical enquiries to which they will hereafter lead.

Perhaps the fairest mode of judging of the effect produced by these manures, was to compare the growing crops together, previous to their coming into ear, the differences were then very marked, it was evident that by far the greatest effect was throughout produced by the salts of Ammonia and the Nitrate of Soda. The most remarkable effect of all was produced by Muriate of Ammonia; the plants manured with this salt were distinguished not only by the luxuriance of their growth, but likewise by the very deep blue green colour of the foliage, those manured with Sulphate of

Ammonia were not quite so rank, whilst those manured with Phosphate of Ammonia and Nitrate of Soda, though as large and flourishing as those treated with Muriate of Ammonia, were not quite so dark in colour. Next in size and appearance were the plants manured with Sulphate of Potash, then those manured with Sulphate of Lime and Sulphate of Magnesia. The Muriate of Potash appeared to exert but little influence until the wheat came into ear. The other salts did not in any material way affect the appearance of the wheat. A slight beneficial effect was throughout produced by the Silicate of Potash, each square to which it had been applied, in conjunction with a saline manure, looked better than the corresponding square to which the Silicate had not been applied.

The crops were attentively watched from time to time to ascertain whether any of them were more liable to blight or diseases than the others, but no such effect was observed, a few smutty ears were found in most of the squares, and in a few places red rust appeared, but it did not seem that there was any connexion between those diseases and the manures employed.

A number of grains of wheat selected from each square, was sown in similar soil, and exposed to the same circumstances, to ascertain whether there was any difference in the time required for germination. In the first trial, considerable differences appeared to exist in the rapidity of germination; the seeds from those squares which had been manured with Silicate of Potash, all came up first ; this was however probably due to some accidental circumstance, for on repeating the experiment with greater care no appreciable difference was perceptible.

For the convenience of reference some of the numerical results of the preceding experiment are arranged in the following tables.
I. Table shewing the whole quantity of grain, and also the increased produce with each manure, calculated for the acre.

| 2. Phosphate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash | Whole grain. | Increase. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ton. cwt. lbs. | cwt. lbs. |
|  | $9 \quad 40$ |  |
| 13. No Manure | 1089 |  |
| 3. Sulphate of Soda | 1170 | 84 |
| 6. Common Salt and Silicate of Potash | 1181 | 95 |
| 4. Sulphate of Soda and Silicate of Potash | 1258 | 172 |
| 14. Silicate of Potash | 1312 | 234 |
| 24. Nitrate of Soda and Silicate of Potash | 1363 | 277 |
| 12. Muriate of Potash and Silicate of Potash | 1424 | 338 |
| 8. Muriate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash | 150 | 414 |
| 1. Phosphate of Ammonia | $15 \quad 21$ | 425 |
| 21. Sulphate of Potash | $15 \quad 34$ | 448 |
| 9. Phosphate of Lime | 167 | $5 \quad 21$ |
| 10. Phosphate of Lime and Silicate of Potash | $16 \quad 37$ | $5 \quad 51$ |
| 23. Nitrate of Soda | 1672 | 586 |
| 18. Sulphate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash | 1685 | $5 \quad 99$ |
| 19. Sulphate of Magnesia | $17 \quad 17$ | 631 |
| 20. Sulphate of Magnesia and Silicate of Potash | $17 \quad 65$ | $6 \quad 79$ |
| 17. Sulphate of Ammonia | 1782 | $6 \quad 66$ |
| 7. Muriate of Ammonia | 17111 | 713 |
| 5. Common Salt | 1871 | 785 |
| 22. Sulphate of Potash and Silicate of Potash | 1923 | $8 \quad 36$ |
| 11. Muriate of Potash | 1935 | $8 \quad 39$ |
| 15. Sulphate of Lime | 06 | $9 \quad 20$ |
| 16. Sulphate of Lime and Silicate of Potash | 037 | 951 |

II. Table shewing the whole crop of wheat, and also the increase of produce caused by each manure, calculated for the acre.

| 3. Sulphate of Soda | Whole crop. |  | Increase. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ton. cwt. | lbs. |  | cwt. | lbs. |
|  | 213 | 4 |  |  |  |
| 3. No Manure | $2 \quad 17$ | 77 |  |  |  |
| 21. Sulphate of Potash | 37 | 87 |  | 10 | 10 |
| 6. Common Salt and Silicate of Potash | 38 | 44 |  | 10 | 79 |
| 4. Sulphate of Soda and Silicate of Potash | 39 | 46 |  | 11 | 81 |
| 4. Silicate of Potash | 39 | 11 |  | 11 | 44 |
| 9. Phosphate of Lime | 315 | 72 |  | 17 | 107 |
| 0. Phosphate of Lime and Silicate of Potash | 319 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 44 |
| 5. Common Salt | 319 | 72 | 1 | 1 | 107 |
| 9. Sulphate of Magnesia | 40 | 76 | 1 | 2 | 111 |
| 4. Nitrate of Soda and Silicate of Potash | 41 | 46 | 1 | 3 | 81 |
| 2. Phosphate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash | 42 | 109 | 1 | 5 | 32 |
| 7. Muriate of Ammonia . . | 42 | 72 | 1 | 4 | 107 |
| 1. Muriate of Potash | 43 | 70 | 1 | 5 | 105 |
| 0. Sulphate of Magnesia and Silicate of Potash | 44 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 41 |
| 1. Phosphate of Ammonia . . | 44 | 18 | 1 | 6 | 53 |
| 3. Nitrate of Soda . | 44 | 109 | 1 | 7 | 32 |
| 5. Sulphate of Lime | 46 | 90 | 1 | 9 | 13 |
| 7. Sulphate of Ammonia | 46 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 44 |
| 8. Sulphate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash | 46 | 41 | 1 | 8 | 76 |
| 2. Muriate of Potash and Silicate of Potash | 47 | , | 1 | 9 | 36 |
| 6. Sulphate of Lime and Silicate of Potash | 52 | 38 | 2 | 4 | 73 |
| 2. Sulphate of Potash and Silicate of Potash | 54 | 66 | 2 | 6 | 101 |
| 8. Muriate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash | 511 | 64 | 2 | 16 | 99 |

III. Table shewing the Average Weight of 1000 grains, the Average Weight of the One hundredth part of a Bushel, the Average Weight of a Bushel, calculated from the same, and the Average Number of Seeds in the One hundredth part of a Bushel.

|  | A verage Weight of 1000 Seeds. | Average Weight of the Standard Measure. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average Weight } \\ & \text { in lbs. } \\ & \text { per Bushel. } \end{aligned}$ | Average Number of Seeds in the Standard Measure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | grains. | grains. | lbs. | seeds. |
| 14. Silicate of Potash - . | 553 | 3942 | 56. | 7128 |
| 24. Nitrate of Soda and Silicate of Potash | 562 | 3952 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | 7032 |
| 4. Sulphate of Soda and Silicate of Potash | 566 | 3987 | 57 | 7040 |
| 2. Phosphate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash | 584 | 4070 | $58 \frac{1}{1}$ | 6969 |
| 10. Phosphate of Lime and Silicate of Potash | 585 | 4015 | $57{ }^{4}$ | 6859 |
| 13. Nothing ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 596 | 4107 | 58 娄 | 6890 |
| 3. Sulphate of Soda ${ }^{\circ}$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 610 | 4114 | 58 3 | 6744 |
| 8. Muriate of Ammonia and Silicate of Potash | 610 | 4023 | $57 \frac{1}{2}$ | 6595 |
| 22. Sulphate of Potash and Silicate of Potash - 12. Muriate of Potash and Silicate of Potash | 610 | 4069 | $58 \frac{1}{4}$ | 6654 |
| 12. Muriate of Potash and Silicate of Potash | 619 | 4081 | 58ㄴ․ | 6592 |
| 20. Sulphate of Magnesia and Silicate of Potash | 619 | 4096 | $58 \frac{1}{3}$ | 6616 |
| 9. Phosphate of Lime . . . | 628 | 4166 | 589 | ${ }^{6583}$ |
| 15. Sulphate of Lime . | 639 | 4204 | 60 | 6579 |
| 16. Sulphate of Lime and Silicate of Potash | 645 | 4077 | 581 | 6326 |
| 17. Sulphate of Ammonia | 651 | 4166 | $59 \frac{1}{3}$ | 6399 |
| 21. Sulphate of Potash 23. Nitrate of Soda | 651 | 4195 | 60 | 6443 |
| 1. Phosphate of Ammonia | 651 | 4242 | 601 ${ }^{\frac{1}{3}}$ | 6516 |
| 6. Salt and Silicate of Potash | 653 | 4167 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | 6381 |
| 19. Sulphate of Magnesia | 654 | 4124 | 59 | 6305 |
| 7. Muriate of Ammonia | 671 | 4170 | 591 | 6065 |
| 11. Muriate of Potash | 712 | 4173 | 591 | 5961 |
| 5. Common Salt | 731 | 4233 | 603 | 5945 |

IV. Table shewing the relative Value of the different Experimental Crops, as determined by an Eminent Corn Factor, to whom a series of Undressed Samples were submitted, November 1843.

V. Table of the produce of Straw, shewing the increase produced by certain Manures.
3.
21. Sulphate of Soda
14. Sulphate of Potash

| Whole straw. |  |  | Increase. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ton. | cwt. | lbs. |  | n. ewt. | lbs. |
| 1 | 15 | 10 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 3 | 107 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 8 | 62 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 10 | 52 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 12 | 37 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 13 | 62 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 13 | 86 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 13 | 100 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 14 | 100 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 15 | 105 |  |  |  |
|  | 16 | 75 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 19 | 8 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 19 | 26 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 19 | 70 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 0 | 46 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 0 | 80 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 2 | 15 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 3 | 7 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 4 | 105 |  | 1 | 98 |
| 3 | 5 | 100 |  | 2 | 93 |
| 3 | 7 | 94 |  | 4 | 87 |
| 3 | 13 | 107 |  | 10 | 100 |
| 3 | 18 | 64 |  | 15 | 57 |
| 4 | 17 | 12 | 1 | 14 | 5 |

A series of experiments with similar saline manures was also made with Potatoes. Twelve squares were planted with Bread fruit Potatoe on the 20th of March. The cuttings were as nearly as possible of the same size, and came up tolerably regularly. On the 12th of May, when most of the young plants were from two to four inches above ground, the manures were applied ; they were not sown broadcast over the whole bed, but sprinkled as uniformly as possible on each side of the row of young plants, to a distance of about six inches. The salts used were the same as those applied to the wheat, with the exception of the Silicate of Potash, namely, the Phosphate, Muriate, and Sulphate of Ammonia, Sulphate, Muriate, and Nitrate of Soda, Sulphate and Muriate of Potash, Sulphate and Phosphate of Lime, and Sulphate of Magnesia, whilst the twelfth square was left without any manure as a standard of comparison. In about three weeks after applying the manure, it was evident that four of the squares, namely, those to which the Salts of Ammonia and Nitrate of Soda, had been applied, were distinguished from the others by more vigorous growth, and rather
darker foliage. About five weeks after applying the salts, the standard square and that treated with Sulphate of Lime, were the poorest, those which had Muriate of Potash and Phosphate of Lime, were rather finer; those manured with Sulphates of Soda, Magnesia, and Potash, still better ; that which had been manured with common Salt, resembled in size and appearance those which had been treated with the sulphate, but the foliage was remarkably pale in colour ; whilst those manured with Ammoniacal Salts and Nitrate of Soda, were distinguished from all the others, by the plants being several inches higher, having much thicker stems, and a rich dark green foliage. One of the rows in the bed manured with Muriate of Ammonia had from some cause failed, at least the plants had not come up at the time of applying the manures, within a very short time afterwards, however, they came up, and grew with such vigour and luxuriance that in a few weeks it was impossible to distinguish them from the other plants similarly manured. The plants continued to grow until the end of August, and the same general distinctions already mentioned, were evident to the last. The ammoniacal manures and the Nitrate of Soda produced the finest plants, but the differences between the squares though evident, were far less marked at the end of August, than they had been at the end of June, and through the whole of July. It appeared as if the four manures just referred to, produced a powerful effect on the plants for the first six weeks, and caused them to grow with great vigour, so that they soon came to their full size, after which they ceased to grow ; whilst the plants in the other squares never made any rapid growth, but continued to grow slowly and steadily until the tops began to die off. In the middle of September, as the greater part of the tops were either dead or dying, they were gathered, and the potatoes taken up. The different manures were all applied at the rate of three hundred weight per acre, excepting the Phosphate and Sulphate of Lime, both of which were used at the rate of four and a half hundred weight per acre.

The quantity of Potatoes yielded by each square was as follows: the quantity of large or marketable Potatoes being distinguished from the small ones.

No. 1. Manured with Phosphate of Ammonia at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre. The produce was

| Large tubers Small tubers | per rod 1 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { lbs. } \\ 53 \\ 17 \end{gathered}$ | ton. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { cwt. } \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | lbs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | per acre 11 | 78 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 13 | 40 |
|  | Total | 1 |  | 72 | 13 | 2 | 6 |
| Dry haulm |  |  | 61 |  | 9 | 0 |

No. 2. Manured with Sulphate of Soda at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre. The produce was

| Large tubers | per rod 1 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { lbs. } \\ 59 \\ 15 \end{gathered}$ | per acre 12 | $\begin{gathered} \text { cwt. } \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{lbs} . \\ & 74 \\ & 27 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | 1 | 74 | 13 | 6 | 101 |
| Dry haulm |  |  | 5 |  | 8 | 4 |

No. 3. Manured with Common Salt at the rate of 3 cwt . per acre. The produce was

| Large tubers Small tubers |  | t. | lbs. | ton. | wt. | $\begin{gathered} \text { lbs. } \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | per |  | 82 | per acre 13 | 18 |  |
|  |  |  | 17 | - 1 | 4 | 70 |
|  | Total | 1 | 99 | 15 | 2 | 72 |
| Dry haulm |  |  | 8 |  | 11 | 35 |

No. 4. Manured with Muriate of Ammonia at the rate of $\mathbf{3}$ cwt. per acre. The produce was


No. 5. Manured with Phosphate of Lime at the rate of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt. per acre. The produce was


No. 6. Manured with Muriate of Potash at the rate of $\mathbf{3} \mathrm{cwt}$. per acre. The produce was


No. 7. Not manured at all. The produce was

| Large tubers Small tubers |  |  | lbs. | ton. | ewt. | lbs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | per |  | 31 | per acre 10 | 4 | 105 |
|  |  |  | 16 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
|  | Total | 1 | 47 | 11 | 7 | 109 |
| Dry haulm |  |  | $4 \frac{1}{2}$ |  | 6 | 39 |

No. 8. Manured with Sulphate of Lime at the rate of $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$. per acre. The produce was

| Large tubers Small tubers |  | wt. | b | ton. | cwt. | rbs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | per rod 1 |  | 32 | per acre 10 | 6 | 59 |
|  |  |  | 17 | 1 | 5 | 47 |
|  | Total | I | 49 | 11 | 11 | 103 |
| Dry haulm |  |  | 4 |  | 5 | 96 |

No. 9. Manured with Sulphate of Ammonia, at the rate of $\mathbf{3} \mathbf{c w t}$. per acre. The produce was


No. 10. Manured with Sulphate of Magnesia at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre. The produce was

| Large tubers Small tubers | cwt. |  | 1bs. | ton. | ewt. | 1bs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | per |  | 70 | per acre 13 | 0 | 61 |
|  |  |  | 13 |  | 19 | 33 |
|  | Total | 1 | 83 | 13 | 19 | 94 |
| Dry haulm |  |  | 6 |  | 8 | 71 |

No. 11. Manured with Sulphate of Potash at the rate of $\mathbf{3}$ cwt. per acre. The produce was

| Large tubers Small tubers | $\begin{array}{ll}  & \text { cwt. } \\ \text { s } & \text { per rod } 1 \end{array}$ |  | lbs. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ton. } \\ \text { per acre } 11 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { cwt. } \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ | 1649873 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 42 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 14 |  |  |  |
|  | Total | 1 | 56 | 12 | 1 | 53 |
| Dry haulm |  |  | $3 \frac{1}{2}$ |  | 4 | 96 |

No. 12. Manured with Nitrate of Soda at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre. The produce was

| Large tubers Small tubers | $\begin{array}{r} \text { cwt. } \\ \text { per rod } 1 \end{array}$ |  | 1bs. | ton. | ewt. | Mhs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 84 | per acre 14 | 1 | 22 |
|  |  |  | 20 | , | 8 | 67 |
|  | Total | 1 | 104 | 15 | 9 | 88 |
| Dry haulm |  |  | 74 |  | 10 | 36 |

The proportion of tubers is by no means what might have been expected from the apparent size of the plants; there was very little difference perceptible between the plants manured with the three salts of Ammonia, the plants were equally healthy and no difference
could be seen in their size or appearance, yet the produce varied greatly, for on comparing the effect produced, it appears that the sulphate produced about twice the effect of the phosphate; and the muriate about twice as much as the sulphate. The following table exhibits the relative effect produced by each manure, on the tubers as well as on the haulm, the weight of the green haulm may readily be calculated by reckoning 100 lbs . of the green for every 11 lbs. of the dry plant.


Shortly after this experiment was commenced, three other squares of bread fruit Potato, in another part of the garden, were manured with Carbonate of Ammonia, Nitrate of Ammonia, and Muriate of Lime. The soil where these substances were applied, was richer, than where the above described experiments were made; and the fact that the salts were applied rather late, renders it impossible to compare the produce of the two experiments. The Nitrate and Carbonate of Ammonia, produced far less effect either on the haulm or tubers, than the other salts of Ammonia, which were applied to the plants in a younger state. The Muriate of Lime did not exert much influence on the growth of the tops, but it increased the yield of tubers nearly one fourth.

A third series of experiments was made with Peas. Twelve squares were sown with Blue Prussian Peas, on the 20th of March and on the 19 th of April the plants being about 3 inches high, they were manured with the same series of manures as had been
applied to the Potatoes，namely，Phosphate，Muriate and Sulphate of Ammonia，Sulphate of Soda，Nitrate of Soda，Common Salt， Phosphate and Sulphate of Lime，Sulphate and Muriate of Potash and Sulphate of Magnesia，the twelfth square being left untouched for comparison．The effects produced by these manures were far less marked than had been anticipated，the plants in all the squares grew well，and no luxuriant growth or darker coloured foliage indicated the ammoniacal manure，as had been the case with the Potatoes and Wheat．The only squares in which any difference could be perceived were those to which Common Salt and Nitrate of Soda had been applied，but even in these the superiority above the others was so very slight that it could not be perceived without a careful comparison．About the middle of Au－ gust the plants ceased to produce pods and began to wither up， they were therefore gathered and the seed threshed out．The following table shews the produce in seed and the weight of dry straw，produced by each square．

|  | Rod． |  |  |  | Acre． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seed． |  | straw． |  | Seed． |  | Straw． |  |
|  | lbs． |  | lbs． | oz． | ton．cwt． | lbs． | cwt． | lbs． |
| Nitrate of Soda |  |  | 9 | 7 | 16 | 54 | 13. | 57 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia |  | 12 | 8 | 143 | 18 | 31 | 12 | 80 |
| Salt |  | 6 |  | 9 | 17 | 76 | 15 | 11 |
| Sulphate of Soda |  | 0 | 9 | $7 \frac{1}{2}$ | 18 | 64 | 13 | 57 |
| Sulphate of Lime | 13 | 1 | 9 | 11 量 | 18 | 75 | 13 | 101 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia |  | 31 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 97 | 14. | 34 |
| Sulphate of Potash | 13 | 6 | 8 | 14를 | 19 | 19 | 12 | 80 |
| Sulphate of Ammonia | 13 | 10 | 10 | $4{ }^{\frac{3}{4}}$ | 19 | 52 | 14 | 79 |
| Muriate of Potash | 15 | 012 | 10 | $4{ }^{4}$ | 11 | 51 | 14 | 79 |
| Phosphate of Lime | 15 | 31 | 9 | 11量 | 1 | 84 | 13 | 101 |
| Nothing | 15 | 5 䨟 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 104 | 16 | 54 |
| Muriate of Ammonia |  | 123 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 61 | 17 | 98 |

A fourth series of experiments was made with Mangel Wurzel． Sixteen squares sown with Red Mangel Wurzel on the 12th of May，were manured on the 26th of June；the various substances being applied as a top dressing，sprinkled round the young plants， as was done with the Potatoes，to a distance of about 6 inches on either side of the rows．The plants were 12 inches apart and the distance between the rows was 24 inches．The roots were taken
up on the 23 rd of November and weighed. The following were the manures employed and the produce they yielded.

No. 1. Manured with Muriate of Lime at the rate of $\mathbf{6} \mathrm{cwt}$. per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | OZ. | cwt. | lbs. | ton. | cwt. | 1bs. |
| Roots | 4 | 13 | 5 | 98 | 46 | 19 | 88 |
| Tops |  | 113 |  | 100 | 7 | 4 | 7 |
| Total | 15 | 83 | 6 | 86 | 54 | 3 | 85 |

No. 2. Manured with Phosphate of Ammonia at the rate of 6 cwt. per acre. The produce was


No. 3. Manured with Sulphate of Potash at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | oz. | cwt. | lbs. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| Roots | 3 | 14 | 4 | 80 | 37 | 14 | 55 |
| Tops |  | $8 \frac{1}{3}$ |  | 72 | 5 | 2 | 93 |
| Total | 14 | $6 \frac{1}{3}$ | 5 | 40 | 42 | 17 | 36 |

No. 4. Manured with Muriate of Ammonia at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | Oz. | cwt. | lbs. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| Roots | 3 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 32 | 18 | 101 |
| 'Iops |  | 10 |  | 85 | 6 | 1 | 49 |
|  | al 4 | 0 | 4 | 98 | 39 | 0 | 38 |

No. 5. Manured with Nitrate of Potash, at the rate of $\mathbf{6 w t}$. per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ibs. | ox. | ewt. | 1bs. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| Roots | 8 | 12 | 4 | 67 | 36 | 16 | 53 |
| Tops |  | 81 | * | 69 | 4 | 18 | 80 |
|  | 4 | 44 | 5 | 24 | 41 | 15 | 21 |

No. 6. Manured with Common Salt, at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was


No. 7. Manured with nothing, left as a standard of comparison. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | oz. | cwt. |  | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| Roots | 3 | 2 | 3 | 96 | 30 | 17 | 43 |
| Tops |  | 61 |  | 53 | 3 | 16 | 11 |
| Total | l 3 | $8 \frac{1}{4}$ | 4 | 37 | 34 | 13 | 54 |

No. 8. Manured with Muriate of Potash, at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | oz. | cwt. | lbs. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| Roots | 3 | - | 4 | 40 | 34 | 16 | 10? |
| Tops |  | 73 |  | 68 | 4 | 15 | 77 |
| Total | 4 | 03 | 4 | 108 | 39 | 12 | 66 |

No. 9. Manured with Nitrate of Soda, at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was

| Average weight. |  |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | ox. | ewt. | lbs. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| Roots | 3 | 8 | 4 | 29 | 34 | 2 | 2 |
| Tops |  | $8 \frac{1}{2}$ |  | 71 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Total | 4 | 04 | 4 | 99 | 39 | 4 | 7 |

No. 10. Manured with Sulphate of Magnesia, at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | oz. | ewt. | 1bs. | ton. | cwt. | 1 bs . |
| Roots | 3 | 3 | 3 | 103 | 31 | 7 | 108 |
| Tops |  | 63 |  | 58 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Total | ] 3 | 93 | 4 | 49 | 35 | 11 | 2 |

No. 11. Manured with Sulphate of Soda, at the rate of 6 cwt. per acre. The produce was


No. 12. Manured with "Superphosphate of Lime," at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was


No. 13. Manured with Carbonate of Soda, at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | oz. | cwt. | lbs. | ton. | cwt. | 1bs. |
| Roots | 3 | 5 | 3 | 103 | 32 | 13 | 47 |
| Tops |  | 63 |  | 57 | 4 | 1 | 30 |
| Total | 3 | 113 | 4 | 48 | 36 | 14 | 77 |

No. 14. Manured with Sulphate of Ammonia, at the rate of 6 cwt. per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 bs . | oz. | cwt. | lbs. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| Roots | 2 | 5 | 2 | 96 | 22 | 17 | 62 |
| Tops |  | 6 |  | 51 | 3 | 13 | 72 |
| Total | 12 | 11 | 3 | 35 | 26 | 11 | 22 |

No. 15. Manured with Phosphate of Soda, at the rate of 6 cwt . per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | oz. | cwt. | Ibs, | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |
| Roots | 2 | 10 | 3 | 23 | 25 | 13 | 19 |
| Tops |  | $5 \frac{1}{2}$ |  | 48 | 3 | 8 | 62 |
| Total | 2 | 151 | 3 | 71 | 29 | 1 | 81 |

No. 16. Manured with Rotten Dung, at the rate of 65 cubic yards per acre. The produce was

|  | Average weight. |  | Rod. |  | Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | lbs. | oz. | ewt. | 1bs. | ton. | cwt. | lbs |
| Roots | 3 | 7 | 4 | 26 | 33 | 16 | 101 |
| Tops |  | 8 |  | 68 | 4 | 15 | 65 |
| Total | 3 | 15 | 4 | 94 | 38 | 12 | 54 |

The following table shews the increase of produce caused by each manure, calculated per acre.

|  | Roota: |  |  |  |  | Tops. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Roots and Tops. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Whole: |  | Increase. |  |  | Whole. |  |  | Increase. |  |  |  | Whole. |  |  | Increase. |  |  |
| Sulphate of Ammonia | ton. | cwt. lbs. | ton. | cwt. | lbs. |  | . cw | Ibe. |  | on. | cwt. | Iba. |  | , | Ibu. | ton | cwt | lbs. |
|  | 22 | 1762 | . |  |  | 3 | 13 | 72 |  |  | - | - | 26 | 11 | 22 | - |  |  |
| Phosphate of Soda | 25 | 1319 |  | * | - | 3 | 8 | 62 |  |  | . | - | 29 | 1 | 81 | - | -. |  |
| Superphosphate of Lime | 26 | 1090 |  | . |  | 3 | 8 | 18 |  |  | . | - | 29 | 18 | 108 | . | . |  |
| No Manure . . | 30 | $17 \quad 43$ | -. | . |  | 3 | 16 | 11 |  |  |  |  | 34 | 13 | 54 | - |  |  |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 31 | 7108 |  | 10 | 65 | 4 | 3 | 6 |  |  | 6 | 107 | 35 | 11 | 2 | - | 17 | 60 |
| Sulphate of Soda | 32 | 717 | 1 | 9 | 86 | 3 | 10 | 57 |  |  | - | $\cdots$ | 35 | 17 | 74 | 1 | 4 | 20 |
| Carbonate of Soda | 32 | $13 \quad 47$ | 1 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 30 |  |  | 4 |  | 36 | 14 | 77 | 2 | 0 | 23 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 32 | 18101 | 2 | 1 | 58 | 6 | 1 | 49 |  |  | 5 | 38 | 39 | 0 | 38 | 4 | 6 | 96 |
| Rotten Dung | 33 | 16101 | 2 | 19 | 58 | 4 | 15 | 65 |  |  | 19 | 54 | 38 | 12 | 54 | 3 | 19 | 0 |
| Nitrate of Soda | 34 | 16 2 | 3 | 4 | 71 | 5 | 2 | 5 |  |  | 5 | 105 | 39 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 65 |
| Muriate of Potash | 34 | 16101 | 3 | 19 | 58 | 4 | 15 | 77 |  |  | 19 | 66 | 39 | 12 | 66 | 4 | 19 | 12 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 35 | 1579 | 4 | 18 | 36 | 4 | 5 | 1 |  |  | 8 | 102 | 40 | 0 | 80 | 5 | 7 | 26 |
| Nitrate of Potash. | 36 | $16 \quad 53$ | 5 | 19 | 10 | 4 | 18 | 80 |  |  | 2 | 69 | 41 | 15 | 21 | 7 |  | 79 |
| Sulphate of Potash | 37 | 1455 | 6 | 17 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 93 |  | 1 | 6 | 82 | 42 | 17 | 36 | 7 | 3 | 94 |
| Common Salt | 36 | 1497 | 7 | 18 | 54 | 5 | 2 | 93 |  | 1 | 6 | 82 | 43 | 17 | 78 | 9 | 5 | 24 |
| Muriate of Lime |  | 1988 |  | 2 | 45 | 7 | 4 | 7 |  |  | 7 | 108 | 54 | 3 | 85 | 19 | 10 | 41 |

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There are several points worthy of notice in these experiments, amongst which is the effect of Muriate of Lime. In nearly all the experiments which have been made at the Gardens, marked effects have been produced by manures containing Muriatic acid; hence it was reasonable to conclude beforehand that the Muriate of Lime would prove a good manure. Other considerations gave it a still higher interest ; from previous experiments it had been ascertained that a very small quantity of Muriate of Lime in a soil, exerted, in consequence of its hygrometric properties, powerful influence on the retentive power of the soil for moisture. It was, however, apprehended that the presence of any quantity of the salt, even though small, might prove injurious to vegetation. The experiments above described shew that this is not the case; the quantity employed was considerable, and so far from doing any harm, it on the contrary produced a very excellent effect.

The experiments on the hygrometric powers of soils, just referred to, were part of an extensive series, undertaken with a view of ascertaining what influence saline manures exert on the retention of moisture. Weighed quantities of natural and artificial soils of various natures were moistened, some with pure water, and others with water holding in solution minute quantities of different saline substances; the soils were carefully weighed from day to day, and the daily loss of water, subtracted from the original quantity of moisture which the soils contained, shewed the relative retentive power of the soil under examination. The following short table shews the result of one of those experiments in which twenty-five portions of fine siliceous sand weighing 2000 grains each, were each moistened with 500 grains of pure water, and weighed every day. To the first five portions nothing but the water was added, the next five received in addition one grain of Muriate of Lime, the next five two grains of that salt, the next five, five grains, and the remainder ten grains of the Muriate.

The mean of each five weighings, alone is given; the numbers shew the weight of water retained by each portion during the experiment.


In the experiment on Mangel Wurzel, it is remarkable that no effect appeared to be produced by the Sulphate of Ammonia, or by the Super-phosphate of Lime; two manures which had been expected to produce the most marked effects. When the manures were applied, it was observed that the squares Nos. 12 and 14, looked rather poorer than the others; the young plants were smaller, and less flourishing; it was for this reason that the two manures supposed to be the most powerful were applied to them, but the plants did not improve, and remained inferior in size and appearance to the last. It is proper to state this, or otherwise the experiment might appear unfavourable to the use of those manures, which would certainly be an incorrect conclusion.*

[^4]As has already been stated, the series of practical experiments in these crops were undertaken with a chemical object in view ; it is almost unnecessary to observe, that the relative quantity of produce obtained by each manure, was a matter of comparatively secondary importance; the main object was to connect changes in chemical composition, or quality, with the action and absorption of inorganic manures. In attaining these objects, the richness or variable composition of the soil, exerts little influence, though in judging of the relative practical effects of the manures employed, it causes such irregularities and discrepancies, as to take from the results all pretensions to rigid accuracy in that respect. Very marked differences were produced in the plants experimented on, by the salts applied; and it now remains to investigate the quality and nature of the substances absorbed by the different crops thus manured. The result of that investigation will be the subject of a future communication to the Society.

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IV. The result of some Experiments in the Garden of the Society on the action of Fertilizing Agents upon the Lawn.
(Communicated by the Garden Committee.)

LIike all places, which have been long cultivated, the Garden of the Horticultural Society is by no means well suited to experiments with manures. Nevertheless it has appeared desirable to employ it for such ends, quantum valet, and accordingly, among other things, attempts have been made to ascertain the effects of various manuring agents upon the grass of lawns. The results of these experiments are now detailed.
The lawn in the Society's Garden was the scene of operations, and the experiments were necessarily brought to a close in the beginning of May, before the grass could run up into hay ; so that the results about to be mentioned do not express the quantity of produce per acre with reference to a hay crop, but merely the relative productiveness of the ground under equal circumstances.

The notes upon them were made at four different times during the season, first in November, shortly after the application of the manures; secondly, in the beginning of February ; thirdly, in the beginning of April, and fourthly, on the day when the grass was cut and weighed. The printed remarks are the substance of all such notes, but more particularly of those made at the time when it was cut.

Each experiment occupied one rod of ground, and great care was taken that the soil and lawn should be as nearly as possible the same in each experiment. A part of the trials was made in the months of October and November 1842, the remainder in March 1843, with a view to a determination of the difference which season makes in the application of such substances. The following table shews with what success.

| No. | Date of Application. | Date of cutting the grass. | Substances used. | Quantity per acre. | Produce per acre green. | Produce per acre dry. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1842 . \\ & \text { Oct. } 21 . \end{aligned}$ | 1843. <br> May 4. | Woolwich Humus. | 2 tons. | $\begin{gathered} \text { T. Cwt. lbs. } \\ 2 \quad 1864 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { T. Cwt. lbs. } \\ 0 \quad 864 \end{gathered}$ | No perceptible difference between this square and the ordinary grass. |
| 2 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Soot. | 2 cwt . | 21864 | 0864 | Slightly greener than the ordinary grass. |
| 3 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Nitrate of Soda. | 1 cwt . | 3864 | 01148 | Rather greener and longer, but no very perceptible difference. |
| 4 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 2 cwt . | 31716 | 01580 | Like the last, but slightly greener. |
| 5 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Nitrate of Potash. | 1 cwt . | 3864 | 01150 | Very slightly greener than the common grass. |
| 6 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 2 cwt . | 41296 | 01580 | Greener and much stronger than the last. |
| 7 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Sulphate of Soda. | 2 cwt . | 31148 | 01150 | No perceptible difference between this and the ordinary grass in colour, but rather thicker and longer. |
| 8 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas water. | 320 gall. | 6864 | 1150 | Quite burnt and brown in 48 hours after application and to all appearance dead, but the grass began to recover in 10 days, and in a month became quite green. The white clover was destroyed. |
| 9 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 640 gall. | 6718 | 1434 | Much burnt like the last, and in less time, the square began to recover in about 14 days, but part of the grass was quite killed. That which recovered grew much stronger than any in the preceding square, the clover was entirely destroyed. |
| 10 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas Lime. | 1 ton. | 4864 | 01580 | Slightly greener than the common grass but rather thicker. |
| 11 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 2 tons. | 3432 | 01298 | Like the last; slightly greener but rather slenderer than the common grass. |
| 12 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Sulphate of Iron. | 25 lbs. | 200 | 0716 | No difference in colour, but rather slenderer and thinner than the ordinary grass. |
| 13 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 50 lbs. | 200 | 0864 | Like the preceding in colour, but stiffer in appearance. |
| 14 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 100 lbs. | 21296 | 01296 | Like the preceding in colour, but rather stronger and a little longer. |
| 15 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Muriate of Lime. | 2 cwt . | 2100 | 0716 | Rather injurious at first, afterwards no visible difference between this and the ordinary grass. |
| 16 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Charcoal dust. | 2 cwt . | 300 | 0716 | No perceptible difference between this and the ordinary grass. |


| No. | Date of Application. | Date of cutting the grass | Substances used. | Quantity per acre. | Produce per acre green. | Produce pe acre dry. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | 1842. Oct. 21. | 1843. May 4. | Chloride of Lime. | 1 cwt . | $\begin{aligned} & \text { T. Cwt. Ibs. } \\ & 41432 \end{aligned}$ | T. Cwt. lbs $0 \quad 14 \quad 32$ | Partially burnt in a week after application, and the burning seemed to injure the roots as well as the tops. After the grass recovered, there was no perceptible difference between it and the common grass, but the clover grew remarkably strong in this square the following spring. |
| 18 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 2 cwt . | 31148 | 086 | More burnt than the last, and the grass much injured. Clover strong and abundant in the spring. |
| 19 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Sulphate of Copper. | 25 lbs. | 2148 | 0580 | No perceptible effect on the grass, no annuals or weeds left alive, but the moss not injured. |
| 20 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 50 lbs . | $2 \begin{array}{lll}2 & 1 & 80\end{array}$ | $0 \quad 580$ | Like the last. |
| 21 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 100 lbs . | 2100 | 0716 | Like the last. |
| 22 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Daniel's <br> Manure. | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} 2 \text { cwt. } 37 \\ \text { 1bs. or } 80 \\ \text { gallons. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 2580 | $0 \quad 718$ | No effect. |
| 23 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gypsum. | 320 lbs . | 2716 | 0716 | No effect. |
| 24 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Nothing. |  | 21432 | 0864 |  |
| 25 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gypsum. | 640 lbs. | 2296 | 0 | No perceptible difference in colour but the grass appeared slenderer than in either of the two preceding squares. |
| 26 | Ditto. | Ditto. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gypsum } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Gas water. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 320 \mathrm{lbs} . \\ & 160 \text { gall. } \end{aligned}$ | 21716 | 0110 | Very much burnt in 48 hours after application; began to recover in 10 days, became very green and long. but not so strong or so fine as the next square. |
| 27 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 640 lbs. mixed with 320 gallons. | 51432 | 1296 | Like the preceding very much burnt ; much longer in recovering; it afterwards grew very strong and green. Some of the grass in this square was killed, but the remainder soon covered the place of that which was destroyed. |
| 28 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Guano. | 2 cwt . | $2 \quad 148$ | 0864 | Very slightly but perceptibly greener than the ordinary grass. |
| 29 | Oct. 25. | May 9. | Gas water fixed with Sulphuric acid. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 320 \mathrm{gall} \\ 20 \mathrm{lbs} . \end{gathered}\right.$ | $6 \quad 298$ | 1432 | This only slightly marked the grass, and did not destroy the top. It became very green in a much shorter time, and stronger. Daisies and all annual weeds and moss were destroyed, and the clover became weak and thin. |
| 30 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas water fixed with Sulphate of Iron. | 320 gall. <br> 20 lbs | 5866 | 100 | Like the preceding in colour and other respects, except that it is not quite so atrong ; little or no clover appeared in this square. |
| 31 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas water and sulphate of copper. | 320 gall. <br> 20 lbs. | 5864 | 01864 | Not nearly so fine as the two preceding squares, but very green, with a large quantity of clover: but no weeds. |


| No. | Date of Application. | Date of cutting the grass | Substances used. | Quantity per acre. | Produce per acre green. | Produce per acre dry. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32 | $\begin{aligned} & 1842 . \\ & \text { Oct. } 25 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1843 . \\ & \text { May } 9 . \end{aligned}$ | Gas water and Chloride of Lime. | $\begin{gathered} 320 \text { gall. } \\ 80 \mathrm{lbs} . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { T. Cwt. lbs. } \\ 5 \quad 296 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { T. Cwt. } \\ 1 & 0 . & 0 \end{array}$ | Stronger and thicker than the last, but not so long; in other respects the same; no clover. |
| 33 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Corrosive Sublimate. | 20 gall. of the saturated solution. | 2434 | $0 \quad 716$ | No difference between this and the ordinary grass; certainly not injurious; worms abundant in this square. |
| 34 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Wood Ashes | 4 cwt . | 11716 | $0 \quad 432$ | Grass very thin. |
| 35 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gypsum. | 2 cwt . | 1432 | $0 \quad 298$ | Grass very thin. |
| 36 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 4 cwt . | 11864 | $0 \quad 432$ | The grass a little longer, but nearly as in the preceding square; rather yellow. |
| 37 | Nov. 7. | Ditto. | Sulphur. | cwt. lbs. $296$ | 11432 | $0 \quad 432$ | Rather yellow and stunted. |
| 38 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas liquor. Water. | 240 gall. 240 gall. | 31432 | 01298 | Very green and fine with a little weak clover. |
| 39 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas liquor. Water. | 200 gall. 280 gall. | 2582 | 0864 | Less robust and green than the preceding. |
| 40 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas liquor. Water. | $160 \text { gall. }$ | 2296 | $0 \quad 716$ | Less strong and green than the last. |
| 41 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas liquor. Water. | 120 gall. 360 gall. | 2117 | 070 | Like the last. |
| 42 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas liquor. Water. | $\begin{aligned} & 80 \text { gall. } \\ & 400 \text { gall. } \end{aligned}$ | 11716 | 0434 | Very slight difference between this and the ordinary grass; a little greener. |
| 43 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Gas liquor. Water. | $\begin{gathered} 40 \text { gall. } \\ 440 \text { gall. } \end{gathered}$ | 1296 | $0 \quad 298$ | Hardly any difference between this and the ordinary grass; slightly greener. |
| 44 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Bone ash. | $7 \quad 16$ | 1580 | $0 \quad 298$ |  |
| 45 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. | 364 | 102 | $0 \quad 296$ | \} these and the ordinary grass. The |
| 46 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Sulphuret of Potash. | 148 | 1298 | $0298$ | $\int$ grass appeared tough when cut. |
| 47 | Nov. 9. | Ditto. | Strong nitric acid. | 10 gall. | $3 \quad 296$ | 0864 | Much greener and longer than the ordinary grass. |
| 48 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Strong muriatic acid. | 10 gall. | 300 | 0864 | Longer but not greener than the ordinary grass. |
| 49 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Nitro-muriatic acid. | 10 gall. | 21432 | 0716 | No visible difference. |
| 50 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Pearlash. | $3 \mathrm{ct}$.4 lb . | 1176 | 0434 | Rather injurious; burnt the grass at first. |
| 51 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Grass cuttings rotted with gas water. | 4 tons. | 1864 | $0 \quad 298$ | Strong and green in January; no perceptible difference in April. Probably checked by the cold spring. |
| 52 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Urate. | 1 ton. | 11716 | $0 \quad 432$ | No difference between this and the common grass. |
| 53 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Chatwin's artificial manure No. 3. | - 1 ton. | 11580 | 0434 | Very green and strong in January, but no difference between it and the ordinary grass in April. See No. 51. |
| 34 | Ditto. | Ditto. | Woolwich <br> Humus. <br> Lance's | 1 ton. | 2100 | 0718 | Slightly greener in January and thicker but in April hardly different in colour from the ordinary grass. See [when cut. No. 51 . |
| 55 | Ditto. | Ditto, | Carbon. | 1 ton. | 11580 | 0432 | No effect. The grass appeared tough |



It is no doubt true that these, like all other single experiments, are open to objection; and that the conclusions to which they seem to point cannot be regarded as entirely satisfactory. Nevertheless they are by no means undeserving consideration.

In every case the manures in which Ammonia is a principal ingredient proved by far the most effectual. For example while unmanured ground produced of dry grass per acre, 8 cwt .64 lbs ., and Nitrate of soda, and Nitrate of Potash, at 2 cwt. per acre yielded only 15 cwt. 80 lbs ., Ammoniacal manures gave as follows: Gas water fixed with Sulphate of iron, 1 ton; the same mixed with Bleaching powder, 1 ton ; Gas water alone, ( 320 gallons per acre), 1 ton 1 cwt .50 lbs .; Gas water fixed with Gypsum, 1 ton 2 cwt. 96 lbs. ; the same fixed with Sulphuric acid, 1 ton 4 cwt. 32 lbs.; the same alone ( 640 gallons per acre), 1 ton 4 cwt. 34 lbs.

It also appeared that Bleaching powder (Chloride of lime) produces effects nearly equal to those of Nitrate of soda. For 2 cwt. of soda yielded per acre, 15 cwt. 80 lbs ., while 1 cwt. Bleaching powder, produced 14 cwt .32 lbs . This, however, was only when the Bleaching powder did not exceed 1 cwt. an acre; when the quantity was doubled the produce sank to 8 cwt . per acre; and as the grass was burnt by even the smaller quantity, it is not improbable (and certainly merits enquiry) that half a cwt. per acre would have produced a still better effect.

It was also found that 160 gallons of Gas water and 160 lbs. of Gypsum produced, under exactly equal circumstances, as much dry grass as 640 lbs . of pure sulphate of Ammonia ; viz., 1 ton and 2 lbs. in both cases; a circumstance of some importance when it is borne in mind that the gas water and gypsum cost scarcely a quarter so much as pure sulphate of Ammonia.

At the suggestion of Mr. Edward Solly, the effect upon grass of certain reputed Poisons was made the subject of enquiry ; when it was found that the following substances had rather a beneficial action, viz., strong Nitric acid, at the rate of 10 gallons per acre, strong Muriatic acid at the same rate; and that Corrosive Subli-
mate, at the rate of 20 gallons of the saturated solution per acre, and Nitromuriatic acid, at the rate of 10 gallons per acre, only lowered the produce to the extent of 1 cwt .48 lbs . per acre.

It has been found that the appearance of the grass when growing, and its quantity when first cut, are no guides to the actual value of a given manure; for it appears that in some instances the quantity of mere water contained in the grass is very considerably greater than in others. For example the dried produce obtained from grass treated with Muriate of lime was only $1-7$ of the original weight ; but Sulphate of soda, Nitrate of potash, Nitrate of soda, in small quantity, and Gas water alone, furnished 1-6; and Nitrate of potash, Nitrate of soda, in larger quantity, Gas water mixed with Sulphuric acid, or with Sulphate of iron, or with bleaching powder, gave 1-5; while the lime used in purifying gas by the moist way yielded 1-3. So that while 1 ton of fresh grass produced by means of gas lime would yield $d r y 6 \mathrm{cwt} .74 \mathrm{lbs} ., 1$ ton from Nitrate of potash, Nitrate of soda, in large quantities, Gas water mixed with Sulphuric acid, or with Sulphate of iron, or with Bleaching powder, give but 4 cwt ; 1 ton from Sulphate of Soda, Nitrate of potash, Nitrate of soda in small quantities and Gas water alone, give only 3 cwt. 37 lbs .; while 1 ton from Muriate of lime yields so little as 2 cwt. 96 lbs . or considerably less than half as much as the first.

Among the manures which produced no effect on this occasion was Woolwich Humus, a substance consisting of ancient decayed vegetable remains found in excavating some docks at Woolwich, Soot, Sulphate of iron, Guano; while Poittevin's manure, Dutch manure, Clarke's Aimatic compost, Lance's Carbon, and Chatwin's artificial manure all diminished the quantity of dry grass more or less. It does not however follow that they are prejudicial, or even useless; because Woolwich humus, which in these experiments was of no value, was found in the Kitchen garden a very useful substance. It is possible that the manner of application, a top dressing, or the season, autumn, were unfavourable to their action.

## Note by Mr. E. Solly.

It is, I think necessary to observe, that, notwithstanding all the care that was taken in selecting the ground, the turf which formed the subject of the preceding experiments, varied greatly in quality : each experiment was made it is true on a small space of ground, but as the number of experiments was considerable, the space over which the whole series extended was necessarily large ; and included a considerable variety of turf, hence it is impossible to compare the produce of the different squares with the ordinary unmanured grass of the Lawn, as the quantity of the latter is very variable. The produce of the standard square No. 24, was 8 cwt . 64 lbs. dry hay, whilst that of No. 44 which had been manured with 7 cwt. of Bone ash, was only 2 cwt. 98 lbs. dry hay, which is about the quantity which would have been given by a similar square without any manure at this part of the lawn. In the same way, it may be remarked that the superior produce of the strong mineral acids, Nos. 47, 48 and 49 over that of Bone ash, Nos. 44 and 45 , is in part due to the difference naturally existing between the soil and turf where the experiment was made.

The experiments with ammoniacal compounds are amongst the most satisfactory, and in those the increase of produce is so large as to be quite independent of variations in the soil, \&c. It is rather unfortunate that the strength of Gas liquor varies very greatly, so that the same quantity at one season of the year frequently contains much more ammonia than at others. The Gas liquor used in these experiments was very strong; every gallon required about 4670 grains of the strongest Sulphuric acid to neutralise the ammonia, and on evaporation left nearly 20 oz . of crystallised Sulphate of ammonia. The Gas liquor commonly employed is much weaker; some used in the garden the preceding year, required only about 1600 grains of acid per gallon, and gave 7 oz . of the crystallised salt. The object which I had in the experiments 38 to 43 , was to ascertain what quantity of Gas liquor produced the maximum effect
which could be advantageously obtained, or rather what was the largest quantity which could be profitably employed as manure. It is evident that this experiment was not carried out quite far enough as the maximum of produce was not obtained. No. 38 to which 240 gallons of Gas liquor, equal to 300 lbs . of Sulphate of ammonia, was applied, produced a far better crop than No. 39 which received 200 gallons or 250 lbs. of the salt: the increase of grass being in a much greater proportion than the increased quantity and cost of the manure. There appears to be little doubt that in situations where Gas liquor can be had readily, and applied without difficulty, it is preferable to Sulphate of ammonia; but on the other hand, the latter, though rather more expensive, can be spread more easily, and is far less costly in carriage.
V. Notes made in the Garden of the Horticultural Society upon the rate of growth by plants at different periods of the day. By the Vice Secretary.
(Communicated by the Garden Cominttee.)

THE great differences that occur in nature between the relation of plants to the atmosphere, at different periods of the day, do not appear to have often suggested the necessity of observing the degree in which vegetation is affected by such circumstances in their rate of growth. And yet we must suppose that the developement of a plant under the influence of a bright sun, or in a damp and clouded atmosphere, in a cool night, or in a chilly morning before sunrise, will be materially dissimilar. It is in very few cases, however, that physiologists have turned their attention to such variations. For this reason, and more especially because the operations of the forcing gardener are very much connected with the enquiry, a series of observations upon the subject was made four times daily, in the Garden of the Society, by Mr. James Donald, during the months of March and April 1843.

The plants selected for Experiment were a Sweet willow (Salix pentandra), a Fig, the Onyx Passionflower, (Passiflora onychina), and a Vine. The place in which the observations were made was a damp curvilinear stove, used for the cultivation of tropical plants; its average temperature being $69^{\circ}$; that is $73^{\circ}$ by day and $65^{\circ}$ by night. The plants were fastened as they grew, to a lath, on which the amount of lengthening was marked off four times a day, viz. at 6 A.M.; Noon ; 6 P.M. ; and 11 P.M.

1. Observations on the elongation of the Sweet Willow (Salix pentandra) at different periods of the day and night, in a curvilinear stove-average temperature $69^{\circ} . \quad(t=$ above $40 .-=$ below .05.)

2. Observations on the elongation of the Fig at different periods of the day and night, in a curvilinear stove-average temperature $69^{\circ}$.
$(+=$ above $.15-$ below .05)
 average temperature $69^{\circ} .(+=$ above $.70-=$ below ．10）

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| Mar． 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 P | 0.15 | $40^{\circ} \text { Clear }$ | 11 P．M． | 0.13 | $33^{\circ}$ Clear | $0.40$ |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 P． | 0.18 |  |  | 018 |  | $0.68$ |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.23 | $42^{\circ}$ Clear | － | 0.31 | $27^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.13 |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.60 | $41^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | －0．05 | $27^{\circ}$ Ditto | $0.96$ |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.20 |  | － | 0.47 | $34^{\circ}$ Ditto |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.22 | $44^{\circ}$ Clear | － | 0.21 | $33^{\circ}$ Clear | $\begin{aligned} & 0.84 \\ & 0.77 \end{aligned}$ |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.14 | $46^{\circ}$ Foggy | － | 0.21 | $32^{\circ}$ Foggy | $\begin{array}{ll} 1.00 \\ 10.83 \end{array}$ |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.35 | $45^{\circ}$ Clear | － | 0.17 |  | $31^{\circ}$ Clear |
| 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.16 | $38^{\circ}$ Cloudy | － | 0.45 | $30^{\circ}$ Cloudy | $\left[\begin{array}{l} 0.87 \\ 1.15 \end{array}\right.$ |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.33 | $44^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.19 | $38^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.15 |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  | — | 0.41 |  | － |  | $41^{\circ}$ Very dark |  |
| 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.49 | $50^{\circ}$ Ditto | 0.40 |  | $47^{\circ}$ Dark | $1.06$ |  |
| 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  | - | 0.50 | $52^{\circ}$ Ditto | — | 0.55 | $45^{\circ}$ Very dark | 1.68 |
| 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.31 | $56^{\circ}$ Ditto | － |  |  |  |
| 1.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － |  | $57^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.26 | $48^{\circ}$ Overcast <br> $49^{\circ}$ Dark（rain） | 1.48 <br> 11.54 |
| 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.63 | $57^{\circ}$ Fine | － | 0.13 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1.54 \\ & 1.72 \end{aligned}$ |
| 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.31 | $64^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.52 | $41^{\circ}$ Cloudy ditto | $\begin{aligned} & 1.72 \\ & 1.08 \end{aligned}$ |
| 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.14 |  | － | 0.59 | $40^{\circ}$ Clear <br> $46^{\circ}$ Ditto | －0．99 |
| 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.53 | $55^{\circ}$ Foggy | － | －0．09 | $46^{\circ}$ Ditto <br> $44^{\circ}$ Very dark |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.53 | $55^{\circ}$ Foggy | － | －0．09 | ${ }^{4 .} 0^{\circ}$ Cery ${ }^{\circ}$ | $1.35$ |
| 21 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.48 | $63^{\circ}$ Cloudy |  | 0.48 | $51^{\circ}$ Ditto ditto） | 1.45 |
| 22 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.46 | $59^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 0.30 | $52^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 151 |
| 23 24 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | +0.76 0.29 | $60^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 0.33 0.29 | $47^{\circ}$ Clear | 1.43 |
| 24 25 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.50 | $64^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 0.35 | $49^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.3 |
| 26 |  |  |  |  |  |  | ＿ | 0.32 | $55^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | －0．08 | $44^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 1.03 |
| 27 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.11 | $51^{\circ}$ Flying clouds | － | 0.12 | $40^{\circ}$ Dark | 0 W |
| 28 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.28 | $46^{\circ}$ Fine | － | 0.21 | $38^{\circ}$ Ditto | 0.14 |
| 29 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.55 | $51^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 024 | $33^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.00 |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | 0.25 | $56^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.25 | $39^{\circ}$ Clear | 0，88 |
| 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  | － | ＋0．79 | $54^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.34 | $51^{\circ}$ Dark（rain） | 1.85 |
| Apr． 1 | － | 059 | $46^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.47 | $55^{\circ}$ Cloudy |  | － | 0.32 | $58^{\circ}$ Clear | － | 0.27 | 49 Cloudy | 1.55 |
| 2 | － | 0.31 | $50^{\circ}$ Ditto |  |  | $55^{\circ}$ Ditto（rain） | － | 0.31 | $59^{\circ}$ Cloudy | － | 0.33 | $52^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.08 |
| 3 | － | 0.63 | $48^{\prime \prime}$ Ditto（min） | － | 0.3 | 56 | － | 0.50 | $59^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.25 | 50 Dark | 1.81 |
| 4 | － | 0.47 | $46^{\circ}$ Ditto ditto | － | 0.10 | $54^{\circ}$ Clear | － | 0.50 | $61^{\circ}$ Fine | － | 0.30 | 49. Clear | 1．32 |
| 5 | － | 0.55 | $41^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 0.10 | 54 Clear | － | 0.50 | $57^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.25 | 48 Ditto | 1.84 |
| 6 | － | 0.27 | 38 Ditto | － | 0.31 | 52 | － | ＋0．72 | $56^{\circ}$ Cloudy | － | 0.25 | 44. Ditto | 1.04 |
| 8 | － | 0.24 | $51^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | $-0.07$ | $57^{\circ}$ Ditt | － | 0.26 | $5.5{ }^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.20 | 51. Cloud | 0.35 |
| 8 | － | 0.40 | ＋4＂Clear | － | 0.13 | $53^{\circ}$ Clear | － | 0.17 | $62^{\circ}$ Clear | － | 0.10 | $50^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.08 |
| 9 | － | 0.13 | 39 Cloudy | － | 0.34 | $46^{\circ}$ Cloud | － | 0.29 | $59^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.26 | 45 Ditto | 1.1 |
| 11 | － | 0.34 | 32．Clear | － | 0.34 | $44^{\circ}$ Clear |  | 0. | $47^{\circ}$ Cloudy | － | 7 | $34^{\circ}$ Clear | 1.28 |
| 12 | － | 0.20 | ${ }^{26}$ Ditto | － | 0.19 | $42^{\circ}$ Bright sun |  | 42 | 49 |  | 0.34 | $31^{\circ}$ Ditto | 133 |
| 13 | － | 0.32 | $28^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.10 | $42^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.67 | $48^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 0.23 | $33^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.20 |
| 14 | － | 0.10 | $24^{\prime}$ Overcast |  | 0.23 | $42^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.50 | $48^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 0.20 | $31^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.2 |
| 15 | － | 0.20 | $42^{\circ}$ Cloudy |  | 0.06 | $48^{\circ}$ Cloudy | － | ＋0．82 | $54^{\circ}$ Cloudy | － | 0.11 | $48^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 1.0 |
| 16 | － | 0.39 | $47^{\circ}$ Clear |  | 0.34 | $55^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.24 | $58^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.22 | $52^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.0 |
| 17 | － | 0.42 | $42^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.60 | 56. Clear［8u | － | 0.60 | $63^{\circ}$ Clear | － | 0.60 | 51 Clear | 1.3 |
| 18 | － | 022 | $33^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 22 | $57^{\circ}$ Very bright | － | 0.60 | $65^{\circ}$ Fine | － | 0.45 | 49．Ditto | 1.6 |
| 19 | － | 0.28 | $35^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 0.19 | $52^{\circ}$ Brito | － | 0.65 | $67^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.58 | 50 Ditto | 0 ¢ |
| 21 | － | 0.57 | $41^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.23 | $63^{\circ}$ Very dit | － | 0.26 | $63^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.16 | 48 Ditto | 1.5 |
| 2\％ | － | 0.60 | 36 Ditto | － | 0.24 | $57^{\circ}$ Bright sun | － | 0.52 | $70^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.23 | 51. Ditto | 1.50 |
| 23 | － | n． 30 | 26．Ditto |  | 0.27 | $52^{\circ}$ Ditto |  | 0.24 | $65^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.42 | 50 Cloud | 1.4 |
| 24 | － | 013 | 28 Foggy |  | 0.50 | $51^{\circ}$ Very bright | － | 0.39 | 59 Dit |  | 0.28 | $3^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.3 |
| 2． | － | 0.30 | 27 Cloudy |  | 0.73 | $54^{\circ}$ Bright sun | － | 050 | $60^{\circ}$ |  | 0.34 | $33^{\circ}$ Cloudy（rain |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 0.73 | 47 Fine | － | 0.15 | $56^{\circ}$ Ditto | － | 0.15 | $40^{\circ}$ Dark |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 13.41 | $=.239$ wevage． |  | 22.44 | $=.400$ average． |  | 16.10 | $=.289$ arerage |  |

4. Observations on the elongation of the Vine at different periods of the day and night, in a curvilinear Stove - average temperature $69^{\circ}$.
$(+=$ above $.70-=$ below .10$)$

| 1843. | $\frac{:}{i}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { © } \\ & \text { © } \\ & \text {. } \end{aligned}$ | External Tempera ture and Remarks. | 范 |  | External Temperature and Remarks. | $\sum_{\dot{B}}^{\dot{g}}$ | 发 | External Temperature and Remarks. | E. |  | External Tempera. ture and Remarks. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 1 | 6 A M | 0.00 | $31^{\circ}$ Cloudy | Noon | 0.20 | $35^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 6 P.M. | 0.34 | $40^{\circ}$ Clear | 11 P.M. | 012 | $33^{\circ}$ Clear | 0.66 |
| 2 | - | 0.32 |  | Noon | 0.55 | $36^{\circ}$ Bright sun |  | 0.31 |  |  | 0.31 | $33^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 1.49 |
| 3 | - | 0.37 | $24^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.62 | $35^{\circ}$ Very bright |  | 0.54 | $42^{\circ}$ Fine |  | 0.28 | $27^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.81 |
| 4 | - | 0.52 | $30^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | $+0.74$ | $37^{\circ}$ Flying clouds | - | 0.50 | $41^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.14 | $27^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.90 |
| 5 | - | 0.22 | $18^{\circ}$ Ditto (rain) | - | 038 | $35^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.38 | $46^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.28 | $34^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.26 |
| 6 | - | 0.66 | $31^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.52 | $39^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.38 | $44^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.25 | $33^{\circ}$ Clear | 1.81 |
| 6 | - | 0.49 | $20^{\circ}$ Foggy | - | 0.42 | $34^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.39 | $46^{\circ}$ Foggy | - | 0.40 | $32^{\circ} \mathrm{Fogg} y$ | 1.70 |
| 8 | - | 0.33 | $24^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.66 | $39^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.54 | $45^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.46 | $31^{\circ}$ Clear | 1.59 |
| 9 | - | +0.70 | $28^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.47 | $37^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.43 | $38^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.47 | $30^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 2.07 |
| 10 | - | 0.50 | $24^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.54 | $39^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.47 | $44^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.23 | $38^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.74 |
| 11 | - | 0.54 | $28^{\circ}$ Ditto | _ | 0.36 | $43^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.35 | $47^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.12 | $41^{\circ}$ Very dark | 1.37 |
| 12 | - | +0.85 | $40^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.58 | $46^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.66 | $50^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.32 | $47^{\circ}$ Dark | 2.41 |
| 1314 | - | $+0.78$ | $32^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.51 | $44^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.51 | $52^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.43 | $45^{\circ}$ Very dark | 2.23 |
|  | - | 0.54 | $43^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | +0.77 | $51^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.47 | $56^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 015 | $48^{\circ}$ Overcast | 1.93 |
| 14 |  | +0.89 | $45^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.63 | $51^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.32 | $57^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.16 | $49^{\circ}$ Dark (rain) | 2.00 |
| 15 | - | +076 | $45^{\circ}$ Foggy | _ | 0.56 | $54^{\circ}$ Bright sun | - | 0.20 | $57^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.20 | $41^{\circ}$ Cloudy ditto | 1.72 |
| 17 | - | 039 | $29^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | -0.05 | $49^{\circ}$ Very do. do. | - | +0.70 | $64^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.55 | $40^{\circ}$ Clear | 1.69 |
| 18 | - | 0.50 | $31^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | -0.30 | $49^{\circ}$ Very do. do. | - | 0.22 | $67^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.47 | $46^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.49 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | - | +0.83 | $36^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.68 | $47^{\circ}$ Foggy | - | 0.37 | $55^{\circ}$ Foggy | - | 0.20 | $44^{\circ}$ Very dark | 2.08 |
|  | - | 0.58 | $41^{\circ}$ Ditto | _ | 039 | $51^{\circ}$ Bright | - | 0.57 | $63^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.10 | $52^{\circ}$ Cloudy (rain) | 1.64 |
| 20 | - | 0.48 | $45^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.36 | $52^{\circ}$ Overcast | - | 0.25 | $59^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.31 | $51^{\circ}$ Ditto ditto | 1.40 |
| 22 | - | 0.62 | $47^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.17 | $56^{\circ}$ Flying clouds | - | 0.54 | $61^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.11 | $52^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 1.44 |
| 23 |  | 0.34 | $46^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.11 | $54^{\circ}$ Very bright | - | 0.11 | $60^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.35 | $47^{\circ}$ Clear | 0.91 |
| 24 | - | 0.43 | $42^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.40 | $56^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.35 | $64^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.42 | $49^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.60 |
| 25 |  | 0.22 | $41^{\circ} \mathrm{Hazy}$ | - | 0.22 | $48^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.20 | $55^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.20 | $44^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 0.84 |
| 2728 | - | 0.57 | $36^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.10 | $45^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.32 | 51 ${ }^{\circ}$ Flying clouds | - | 0.38 | $40^{\circ}$ Dark | 1.37 |
|  | - | 0.36 | $36^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.51 | $40^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.30 | $46^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.15 | $38^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.32 |
| 28 |  | 0.30 | $38^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.42 | $45^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.22 | $51^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.30 | $33^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.24 |
| 29 30 | - |  | $28^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.29 | $46^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 044 | $56^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.26 | $39^{\circ}$ Clear | 1.33 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 31 \\ \text { Apr. } 1 \end{array}$ | - | 0.62 | $43^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.42 | $51^{\circ}$ Fine |  | 0.34 | $54^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.43 | $49^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 1.87 1.86 |
|  | - | 0.64 | $46^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.67 | $55^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.61 | $59^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.74 | $52^{\circ}$ Ditto | 2.66 |
| Apr. $\begin{array}{r}1 \\ 2\end{array}$ | - | 0.66 | $50^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.47 | $56^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.57 | $59^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.17 | $50^{\circ}$ Dark | 1.87 |
| 4 | - | 0.38 | $48^{\circ}$ Ditto (rain) | - | 0.20 | $57^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.61 | $61^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.23 | $49^{\circ}$ Clear | 1.42 |
| 5 | - | 0.55 | $46^{\circ}$ Ditto ditto | - | 0.36 | $54^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.37 | $57^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.35 | $48^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.63 |
| 6 | - | 53 | $41^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.16 | $52^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.15 | ${ }^{2} 6^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.20 | $44^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.04 |
| 7 | - | 0.34 | $38^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.24 | $52^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | +0.71 | $55^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.30 | $51^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 1.59 |
| 8 |  | 0.39 | $51^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.15 | $57^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.28 | $62^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.22 | $50^{\circ} \mathrm{Dit}$ | 0.81 1.28 |
|  | - | 0.27 | $34^{\circ}$ Clo | - | 0.43 | $53^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 0.34 | 59 Ditto |  | 0.12 | $38^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.28 0.85 |
| 10 |  | 0.15 | $32^{\circ}$ Clear | - | 027 | $46^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.19 | $50^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.38 | $34^{\circ}$ Clear | 0.91 |
| 11 |  | 0.36 | $26^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 017 | $42^{\circ}$ Bright sun | - | 0.23 | $49^{\circ}$ Fine | - | 0.12 | $31^{\circ}$ Ditto | 0.88 |
| $\begin{array}{r}13 \\ 14 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | - | 0.46 | $22^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 030 | $42^{\circ}$ Very bright | - | 0.23 | $48^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.25 | $33^{\circ}$ Ditto | 1.24 |
|  |  | 0.18 | $28^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | $-0.08$ | $42^{\circ}$ Bright sun | - | 0.28 | $48^{\circ}$ Ditto | - | 0.28 | $31^{\circ}$ Ditto | 0.82 |
|  |  | 0.35 | $24^{\circ}$ Overcast | - | 0.38 | $48^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.14 | $54^{\circ}$ Cloudy | - | 0.56 | $48^{\circ}$ Cloudy | 1.43 |
| - |  |  |  |  | 17.24 | $=.383$ average. |  | 17.21 | = .380 average. |  | 3.00 | $=.289$ average. | 68.60 |

[^5]It is probable that these returns will strike different persons differently; and therefore they are printed at length, and not in the form of an abstract. All such observations are affected by so many circumstances, the exact nature of which it is perhaps impossible to estimate, that safe conclusions can only be drawn from the average of a large number of facts. The observations made in the course of these experiments amounted to 908 ; a number sufficiently large to entitle the conclusions that are drawn from them to some attention.

As has been already stated the great object of the enquiry was to ascertain at what period in the 24 hours plants in hot-houses grow the fastest, and at which the slowest. The table No. 5, shews that upon the whole this happens in the Afternoon; but that there is a near approach to the same rate in the Morning and Night, the growth in the one case being 55.11 inches and in the others 49.87 and 49.16 respectively. When, however, we look to the details of these results we find that each of the four plants has its own period of maximum growth, the Vine preferring the early Morning, the Willow the Forenoon, the Passionflower the Afternoon, and the Fig the Night. In the Passionflower the preference amounted to something considerable; and in the Vine to as much as two inches in the course of six weeks; but in the others it was unimportant. It appears however that in the case of the Willow and Vine, that is to say of the two hardiest of the plants under experiment, the principal growth takes place between midnight and noon, notwithstanding that those are the coldest hours in the twenty four.

I have not seen the paper of Harting* on this subject, quoted by Münter in his observations on the growth of plants; $\dagger$ but if, as

[^6]the latter author states, his own observations and Hartings are essentially the same, I may be permitted to quote the one as representing the views of the other. Münter says that he found the diminution of light increase the growth of the branches of the Sycamore, the Vine and the Elder. And this is precisely the common opinion. But it will be seen from what has been just stated, that in the four cases now mentioned, and under their peculiar circumstances, that was by no means universally the case, for in the Willow the greatest growth took place between 6 in the Morning and Noon, of the Passionflower between Noon and 6 in the Evening, and it was only in the case of the Vine and Fig that the dark hours gave the greatest amount of extension. It is however to be observed that Münter's experiments were made in the open air, and therefore may not perhaps be quite suited for comparison with those now detailed.

The period when the Willow and Vine grew slowest was the early Morning in the case of the Willow, and before midnight in the Vine : the difference in the Willow being as 9.37 to 11.13 and of the Vine as $\mathbf{1 6 . 0 2}$ to $\mathbf{1 8 . 1 3}$. This seems to show the danger of employing a high Night temperature, which must necessarily force such plants into growing fast at a period when nature bids them repose. In the Fig the smallest growth was made in the early Morning, but the rate of growth of that plant does not appear to be materially different at any period of the day; for, in nearly two months, Night, when it grew fastest, had not an advantage over Morning when its growth was slowest, to the extent of much more than $\frac{3}{4}$ an inch. In the Passionflower the fastest growth was in the Afternoon, the next at Night, and the smallest in the Forenoon, in which respects it is at variance with all the others.

Table 5 also seems to indicate the existence of some regular alternation of growth, from fast to slow ; the morning growth of $\mathbf{4 9 . 8 7}$ diminishing at the next period to $\mathbf{4 6 . 6 6}$, then rising to 55.11 , and then falling to 49.16, which again rises to 49.87 ; and it is not im-
probable that something of this kind takes place in nature: a period of vigorous developement, requiring a great expenditure of vital energy, being followed by comparative torpor till the vital powers are recruited. For example the successive growths of the Willow are represented by the numbers $10,26,20,20,25,26,26,10,42$, $31,45,17,19,40,18$; of the Fig, whose general slow progress is unfavourable to this kind of observation, by $12,22,21,03,11,11$, 16,15 , and $11,14,11,03,22,13,13,04$; of the Passionflower by $20,11,60,05,14,03,20,47,17,17,22$ and $26,16,76,33,40,50$, $29,29,34,24,50,35$; and of the Vine by $20,34,12,32,55,31$, $31,37,62,54,28,52,74,50,14,22,38$; and so on. Although this kind of oscillation is not absolutely constant, yet it is so very usual, as to appear to be a part of the customary habit of vegetation ; and is yet more striking if we turn to the instances of most rapid growth in the four cases before us; for they are invariably succeeded by a corresponding decrease of growth. For example the willow occasionally lengthened as much as four tenths or even more than five tenths of an inch in six hours; these were invariably succeeded by a considerable reduction in growth; thus .42 sunk to $.31, .45$ to $.17, .40$ to $.18, .40$ to .17 , and .43 to .20 . The maximum of developement in the Fig was rather more than two tenths of an inch in 6 hours; when this or any similar rate was observed the numbers stood thus; 22 fell to $13, .19$ to $\mathbf{. 1 5 , .} 20$ to .10 . In the Passionflower the greatest growth was rather more than eight tenths of an inch in six hours; here .82 fell to $10, .79$ to $.34, .70$ to .27 . And finally the Vine, which on one occasion grew nearly nine tenths of an inch in six hours, is found to obey the same apparent law ; for .89 is followed by $.63, .70$ by $.47, .74$ by $.50, .71$ by .30 , and so on.

Another subject of consideration is the cause or causés that tend to produce the fastest and the slowest growth. Fluctuations of temperature can hardly have had any connection with this, because the plants were grown, as has been stated, in a hothouse, the heat of which was maintained at about $73^{\circ}$ by day and $65^{\circ}$ by night.

Doubtless the plants under experiment were to some small extent affected by variations between these degrees, but 65 is always too high to allow of any serious impediment to vegetation, nor do I perceive any apparent connection between fast and slow growth, and the temperature of the external air. For instance the slowest growth of the Willow took place with the external temperature at $50^{\circ}$, when it lengthened only .03 , while with the external air at $34^{\circ}$ it grew on another occasion as much as .56 ; the slowest growth of the Fig was .00 with the external air $54^{\circ}$, and its fastest was .22 with the external air 34 ; the minimum growth of the Passionflower was .03, the external air being on one occasion $48^{\circ}$ and another $35^{\circ}$, but when it was $41^{\circ}$ the Passionflower grew .70; and so of the Vine: when the external air was $44^{\circ}$ it only grew .04 , but when it was $40^{\circ}$ it grew as much as 85 . This evidence proves I think conclusively that in the cases under experiment the temperature of the external air in no way affected the rate of growth.

The next question that arises is whether the amount of light can be supposed to have produced any influence. If we compare the degree of light under which the more remarkable growths were made, and which are marked + and - in the tables, we shall find the following result


If we are to judge from the comparison of some of these extreme cases, we should infer that plants grew fastest in cloudy weather, under the influence of diminished light, and slowest in clear bright weather, when light is abundant, as seems to be the opinion of Münter above quoted. Thus in the Vine, out of 10
cases of unusually rapid growth 7 took place in cloudy weather, and only 3 in clear weather; in the Willow, out of 7 such extremes 5 were in cloudy and only 2 in clear weather; and in the Passionflower 3 extremely fast growths took place in cloudy and 2 in clear weather. The Fig is however altogether an exception to this supposed rule, for in 10 out 15 extreme cases it grew fastest under bright light. Possibly this discrepancy may be accounted for by the different nature of the plants under experiment. The Willow, Passionflower and Vine are plants with a very thin skin, and therefore will suffer considerable loss of their fluids, by evaporation under bright light, which must obstruct their growth ; the Fig on the other hand, being a plant with a peculiarly thick skin, will suffer much less from this cause, and may indeed demand a much larger supply of light than the others in order to perform its functions in the most efficient way.

But if the experiments were to a certain degree to confirm the general opinion that plants grow fastest in warm cloudy weather, it is also clear that they indicate the presence of other agencies than light and heat, and a regular supply of moisture. The numerous exceptions that are found even in those plants which in rapid growth conform the best to the supposed rule show this sutficiently well, and when we attempt to reduce to it the slowest growths we fail entirely; the facts inclining sometimes one way and sometimes the other.

One of the most singular facts brought out by these observations is the total want of correspondence between the effects produced upon plants by the same external circumstances. The subjects of experiment were placed within a few feet of each other, in a house heated very uniformly, and equally exposed to light, and to every other agent by which it is conceivable that plants should be affected. Yet strange to say, it appears certain that the same causes do not produce the same results when operating upon plants of different species. For example the greatest growth made by
the Sweet Willow was on the 7th of March, when the noon day observation gave . 56 ; at that hour the growth of the Fig had been only .08 and of the Passionflower .24, which was about the average; and of the Vine only .42 which was slightly above it. The greatest growth of the Passionflower was on the 14th of April, when the 6 p.m. observation gave .82 which was .42 above the average; on the same day the Willow had grown .36 , or .20 above the average; the Fig.09, or about the average; and the Vine, 14 or .24 below the average! If we turn to the instances of impeded vegetation we shall perceive just the same conflicting results. The slowest growth of the Vine was on the 10th of April when the Noon day observation amounted to only .04 to .34 below the average; at that time the Passionflower had grown .34 or .11 above the average; the Fig . 03 or .5 below the average; and the Willow .14 or only .2 below its average elongation at that hour.

Upon the whole then it seems that we must regard the growth of plants as a far more complicated problem than is generally supposed. The evidence that has been produced appears to show that there is a regular oscillation of growth during the $\mathbf{2 4}$ hours, that the principal developement takes place in the afternoon, (between noon and 6 in the evening), and follows the smallest which occurs in the Forenoon (between 6 in the Morning and noon); and that this oscillation is not connected with light and temperature, because the growth in the Forenoon is less than in the Morning (11 P.M. to 6 A.M.) when the temperature is at its lowest; it may also be inferred that thin-skinned plants grow fastest in the absence of bright light, and possibly that thick-skinned plants obey an opposite law.

But it does not appear satisfactorily that the varying rates of elongation are, under the circumstances of the experiments now detailed, dependent, to any considerable extent, upon fluctuations of temperature, light, or moisture. On the contrary it seems almost certain that some other powerful agent is in operation, the nature of which we have at present no means of ascertaining.

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## VI. Notes of a Visit to Mexico, Guatemala, and Equatorial America, during the Years 1836 to 1843, in search of Plants and Seeds for the Horticultural Society of London. By Mr. Theodore Hartweg.

After a voyage of fifty-eight days I arrived, on the third of December, 1836, at Vera Cruz; and immediately, after landing my luggage, I took advantage of the offer of Mr. De Wilde, a partner in the house of Messrs. Stallforth and Co., to proceed to the farm of Mr. Lavater, a gentleman to whom I had letters of introduction. Two days' riding, over a country without regular roads and through ravines, brought me to Zaquapan, the name of this gentleman's residence.
For three leagues, from Vera Cruz to Santa Fé, the road lay over a sandy plain by the seaside, covered partly by Convolvulus maritimus, a large round-leaved Opuntia, a Croton, and, above all, by Mimosa pudica. At Santa Fé the vegetation became more luxuriant, and the small shrubs were replaced by stately Palms, Acacias, several Scitamineous plants, and various climbers. However, being anxious to quit the lowlands, which so often prove fatal to new comers, I did not particularly examine them.
$\mathbf{Z}_{\text {AQUAPAN }}$ is placed at an elevation of about $\mathbf{3 , 0 0 0}$ feet above the level of the sea, on the eastern declivity of the snow-clad Orizaba, which attains the height of more than 17,000 feet; the climate is temperate and the place surrounded with the richest vegetation I ever saw in Mexico. Upon leaving the savannahs, which are covered with a scanty undergrowth, I entered a forest of Oaks, (Quercus jalapensis, H.B.K.) and there a change took place as if brought on by magic ; Orchidacea, for which I had been on the look out since I left Vera Cruz, and of the finding of which I had
given up all hope, considering the elevation I had attained, appeared here in the greatest abundance; the oaks actually seemed to groan under their weight ; Maxillaria densa and tenuifolia, forming festoons and hanging gracefully over the branches they were growing on, seemed to strive with the larger species of Tillandsia for their existence. It was here I met with the beautiful and new Cyrtochilum maculatum, and the varieties of it now become so common. In the ravines or rocks I found Maxillaria aromatica, Epidendrum seriatum, equitans, umbellatum, fuscatum, cochleatum (this latter with nearly all its varieties), and Acropera Loddigesii. In the more exposed situations, particularly on trees overhanging the perpendicular sides of the ravines, Stelis ciliaris, Dinema polybulbon, Isochilus linearis, Polystachya luteola, and the little plant that now bears my name (Hartwegia purpurea) were common. The first plant of Brassavola glauca I met with was on a Coccoloba, in a wood descending to the savannah; but $I$ afterwards found it on oaks in abundance near this station. To grow this plant, as well as Hartwegia purpurea, to perfection, I would recommend a temperature of $65-70^{\circ}$ of Fahr., and to be kept in the driest part of the stove. The same treatment may be applied to the thick-leaved Epidendrums and Oncidiums. Near the same locality I found Berberis tenuifolia, forming a shrub 10 to 12 feet high, and at the time covered with its black berries on spikes more than a foot in length. In the more open places, among grass, the Cebadilla, or Asagrea officinalis was ripening its seeds on a stem four feet high; the roots, leaves, and particularly the seeds of this plant are used by the muleteers, in a state of fine powder, for killing the maggots in the wounds of their beasts, and occasionally an infusion of it is used in extirpating certain vermin which may be found on the heads of the lower class; but its employment is not so general as the occasion for it. The seeds of the Cebadilla form an article of export in Vera Cruz; but judging from its low price (six shillings for 25 lbs .) it seems to be in little demand, and scarcely pays the
gathering. The soap plant, Agave saponaria, was found in the same locality, throwing up its flower-stem like a tuberose to which in fact it bears much resemblance. Its thick fleshy root crushed is a good substitute for soap, and is abundantly used by those who are too poor to buy that article. This, as well as the Cebadilla, appears to be common in the temperate parts of Mexico, having been found in several places, even as far south as Guatemala.
The 27th of December found me on the road to Jalapa, where I arrived on the following day. Being anxious to come to my journey's end, I took the diligence for Mexico ; and thence, after delivering various letters of introduction and procuring new ones, I again proceeded to Guanajuato, the place of my destinati n. Upon my arrival I presented my letters of introduction to Mr. Stanley, Mr. Shoolbred, and Mr. George O'Gorman. The latter gentleman being about to proceed to Silao, a place distant seven leagues, I accepted an invitation to spend a week with him, but it being then the middle of the dry season, my exertions did not prove very successful; and upon my return, the necessary arrangements having been completed, I left for the more elevated parts of that mountainous district, which I hoped to find more likely to fulfil the object of my mission.

My first excursion was to the Gigante, the highest point of the range of mountains of Guanajuato, where I was rewarded with Garrya obovata, then in flower, forming a shrub six feet high ; I afterwards found it more commonly on the Bufa, a bluff rock a league from Guanajuato, but all my efforts to procure seeds were only rewarded with a single grain, which I now find did not germinate. Arctostaphylos pungens has also been found in these stations, both in flower and fruit. Berberis fascicularis forming a shrub 8 to 10 feet high, was covered with flowers, as well as Ribes campanulatum. In another excursion I found, both in flower and fruit, a second species of Garrya ( $\boldsymbol{G}$. laurifolia, ) forming an evergreen shrub 12 to 15 feet high, with the Madrono, or Arbutus densiflora, forming a
shrub, or small tree, covered with delicate white flowers. In the more sheltered situations, in the ravines near the town, Clematis pubescens was in full flower. Oaks, which cover the greater part of the mountains, were in great variety, but the acorns of the preceding year being all dead, I could procure neither seeds nor specimens. Pines were nowhere to be met with.

On the 13th of April I arrived in Leon from Guanajuato, but after two months' disappointment on the then parched up plains and mountains, from which I often returned without having found a single seed or specimen for the herbarium, I often longed for the green woods on the declivity of Orizaba, where vegetation never seems at rest. The only things worthy of notice from this station were Ipomaa longifolia and Laelia majalis; the latter species I found at an elevation of about 8,000 feet, growing on oaks, and producing such a profusion of large pink flowers in May, that even the Mexicans find it attractive, and stick a few plants on the Limes, (Citrus medica) growing before their houses. Of this I sent an abundant supply of plants, but as it has resisted all attempts at cultivation, I would recommend it to be kept in the driest part of the stove, and to be liberally supplied with water during the summer months only. In fields Lupinus Hartwegii was common; this seems to be quite stationary, having nowhere else been met with.

On the 17th of June I arrived at Lagos, where I found the same barrenness during the dry season as at Leon; and after a month's fruitless wandering, I left, on the 13th of July, for Aguas Calientes. Of the more interesting plants found near Lagos, I may mention Milla biflora, bearing from one to six of its star-like white flowers on one scape; Bessera elegans (Caloprasum Geroltianum of Schiede), the bruised leaves of which, mixed with a little water, are used occasionally for killing flies; Zephyranthes sessilis; Sprekelia glauca; and Habranthus concolor; the three latter flowering before the leaves appear.

At Aguas Calientes I found a little more occupation, the rains having then set in; but being still dissatisfied with my excursions, I determined at once to leave the high table land and proceed to Bolaños, where I should have the command of a vegetation from 3,000 to more than 8,000 feet of elevation. The town of Bolaños, where $I$ arrived on the 4th of October, is situated in a deep ravine, about 3,000 feet above the level of the sea, and from its confined situation has a higher temperature than might be supposed. The thermometer ranges from $39^{\circ}$ to $85^{\circ}$ Fahr. in the month of December, but in May it is from $85^{\circ}$ to $95^{\circ}$ Fahr., and even as high as $102^{\circ}$ in the shade. The atmosphere being very dry is favourable to the growth of Bromeliaceous and Cactaceous plants, of which latter there is a great variety, especially among Opuntias and Cerei. Of the latter there are species which rise to the height of $\mathbf{3 0}$ or $\mathbf{4 0}$ feet, and yield an agreeable fruit of the size of a large walnut, with red or yellow pulp; they are known under the name of Pitaya. Here also occurred a species of Agave with leaves six feet long by four inches broad, from which a spirit is distilled known under the name of Vino Mescal. When the plants are of a certain size they are taken up, and the stem, which is about 18 inches long, as well as the leaves, is cut off to the base, which gives the trunk a globular appearance. In this state it is roasted, then crushed, and after passing into the vinous fermentation, Vino Mescal is distilled from it. This spirit may be compared to weak whiskey, but its strong smoky flavour renders it anything but pleasant. The plant I never could see in flower.
Ascending the steep sides of the ravine on the western side, I left the region of Acacias, Bromeliacea and arborescent Cerei, and entered that of Oaks. After a four leagues' ride, and constant ascent, I arrived at Berberea, the Mining Company's wood cutting establishment, situate in the midst of woods at an elevation of more than 8,000 feet above the level of the sea. Here I found, surrounded by evergreen Oals, Pines and Arbutus densiffora, the
showy Befaria mexicana, forming a shrub of about eight feet high, and at the time covered with its large white flowers.* The pretty little Mammillaria senilis I found on rocks in the more exposed situations; its long white spines which at the points are bent backwards seem to defend it against frost. In the more open places Lupinus leptocarpus, Pentstemon imberbis, Lamourouxia longiflora and multifida were common.

On the 10th of January 1838, I left Bolaños in company with Mr. Floresi the chief commissioner of the Bolaños mines, after having been most hospitably treated by him as well as by Mr. Watson, the company's accountant. On the 14th of that month, I arrived at Zacatecas, whither my collections from Aguas Calientes and Bolaños had preceded me. The sterility of the mountains and plains about Zacatecas, at this season, was such that I was spared the trouble of making fruitless excursions; $I$, therefore, arranged my dried specimens and despatched them along with the seeds and bulbs to England. The species collected during the first year amount to 227 , of which the following have flowered, or exist in the Garden.

Catasetum maculatum - citrinum

Epidendrum asperum

- equitans
- umbellatum
- fuscatum

Isochilus linearis
Trichopilia tortilis
Hartwegia purpurea
Oncidium stramineum

- sphacelatum

Læelia anceps

- furfuracea
- majalis

Notylia punctata
Acropera Loddigesii
Brassavola glauca
Liparis elata
Maxillaria aromatica

- tenuifolia

Maxillaria variabilis

-     - var. unipunctata

Cyrtochilum maculatum

- var.

Stelis ciliaris
Polystachya luteola
Dinema polybulbon
Asagræa officinalis
Ferraria sp.
Agave saponaria
Habranthus concolor
Allium striatellum
Sisyrinchium sp.
Milla biflora
Zephyranthes sessilis
Bessera elegans
Sprekelia glauca
Bouvardia splendens
Quercus jalapensis
Crotalaria sp.

[^8]Solanum sp.
Lupinus Hartwegii

- leptocarpus

Anemopsis californica
Cuphea sp.
Heliotropium curassavicum
Verbena incana
Parkinsonia aculeata
Malvacea
Prosopis dulcis

Onagracea
Trifolium involucratum Mimosea
Ipomæa rubrocærulea

- Horsfallii
- longifolia

Convolvulus 3 species
Berberis tenuifolia
Mimosa filicina.

On the 26th of February, 1838, I proceeded from Zacatecas over the high table land to San Luis Potosi and thence to the Rancho de los Gallitos. Near San Luis Potosi I found Berberis trifoliata in great abundance, forming a shrub 4 to 5 feet high; it was then just coming intoflower, and all my efforts to find seeds were useless; but I afterwards received a large supply through the kindness of the bailiff of the Hacienda del Espiritu Santo, and it has since been abundantly raised and distributed at the Garden. The Rancho de los Gallitos, being situate on the eastern declivity of the great table land, in a narrow valley, enjoys a delightful temperature, and is surrounded by constant verdure and noble forests of Oaks. It was near this station I found the striking Berberis Hartwegii with its long spikes of flowers and pinnate leaves. This desirable species still remaining to be imported, I shall describe its locality particularly, for its seeds will amply remunerate any traveller that may land at Tampico and proceed to San Luis Potosi or Zacatecas. Before reaching the valley of Los Gallitos, on the ascent from Santa Barbara, there is a bluff rock on the right hand side of the road, called "El Contadero," with a small chapel hewn in the rock, and always gaily adorned with flowers and candles by the passers by; this place is held in the deepest reverence by the Indians, from the circumstance of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe being said to have appeared to several of them, and they cannot pass this place without paying homage to their protectress saint. It was at the foot of this rock that I found Berberis Hartwegii.
After exhausting the resources of the last station and despatching my collections to Tampico I returned to Zacatecas, where I
expected to have found some Pine seeds which had been promised me by the Company's forester at Bolaños; but not receiving any, I went there myself without loss of time, and found to my great regret, that the cones had all shed their seeds. I then joined a convoy for Guadalajara whence I returned to Bolaños and Zacatecas, with scarcely an acquisition to remunerate me for that long journey.

Having now received permission to proceed in the direction I thought most proper, always, however, visiting the more elevated parts, because they were most likely to furnish plants that will endure the open air in England, I resolved to leave the arid plains in the north, and proceed to Morelia the capital of the State of Mechoacan. The country about this town, from its broken surface, presents a beautiful vegetation; in the higher parts Pines and Oaks grow intermixed, and the latter are adorned with a great variety of Epiphytes. On the western declivity towards the active volcano Jorullo, I found Pinus oocarpa in great abundance, forming a tree 40 to 50 feet high; of this I secured an ample supply of seeds, but from its low situation, I fear it will not be proof against our northern winters. The cones of this pine after being ripe will remain on the tree without opening for two or three years, and the seeds in them are equally as sound as the fresh ones. In the more elevated parts I found the showy Fuchsia fulgens, in the greatest perfection, and beside it Rigidella flammea, bearing its bright scarlet flowers on a scape 3 to 4 feet high. In the more shaded places the pretty little Hydrotania meleagris and Arisama macrospatha were met with. In pastures, Bravoa geminiflora and Cyclobothra barbata were common.

After a two months' stay in this interesting country I left for Angangueo, at which place I arrived after a two days' ride over a mountain road, where I observed fine trees of Pinus leiophylla and pseudostrobus, the former being called " Ocote chino" because, from its abundance of resin, it yields the best "Ocote" or candlewood; it
attains the height of $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ feet, and is often 4 feet in diameter. $\boldsymbol{P}$. pseudostrobus also grows in the same situation, and may be easily distinguished at a distance by its long slender branches diverging at a right angle from the main stem, as in the species of the section Strobus; its chief range is about 8,000 feet, while that of $\boldsymbol{P}$. leiophylla is a few hundred feet lower. On an excursion to the "Campanario " the highest point of the mountains of Angangueo, I saw some remarkably fine trees of the "Oyamel" or Abies religiosa, 5 to 6 feet in diameter and rising to the height of 150 feet. Its chief rangeis about 9000 feet above the sea; beyond that elevation its place is supplied by Pinus Hartwegii rising to the height of $\mathbf{4 0}$ to 50 feet. With the latter I found Veratrum frigidum, the leaves of which are poisonous to cattle, Microstylis macrostachya and Juniperus mexicana, the latter forming a small straggling shrub three feet high.*
On the 30th of October, 1838, I arrived at Real del Monte, after having crossed once more the high table land of Mexico, but as usual without finding much to reward me. The town of Real del Monte, being situated at an elevation of above 8,000 feet, is surrounded by high ground, of which the "Sumate," the highest peak, rises to the height of 9,500 feet above the level of the sea, the country around being well wooded with a great variety of Oaks and Pines. On the eastern declivity of the Real del Monte chain of mountains is the deep ravine of Mestitlan, commonly called "Barranca grande," which from its chalky soil is a favourite haunt for Cactacea. It is the only habitat of Cereus senilis, that I am acquainted with in Mexico, the largest plants of which, attaining a height of 24 feet, give the scenery a very singular appearance. On another excursion to the natural bridge called "Puente de Dios" I found Spirca parvifolia, Quercus petiolaris, Lindleya mespiloides, the latter forming a slender shrub 10 to 12 feet high, and the pretty little Mammillaria Schiedeana with seems quite stationary there, having no where else been met with.

[^9]On the barren hills of Zimapan, Pinus Llaveana, forming a tree 15 feet high, was at this time (November) covered with small green cones, which are two years in coming to maturity; Berberis gracilis, with its slender stem and red leaf-stalks, and Berberis pallida have been found at this station, as well as near the hot springs of Atotonilco el grande. In the ravine of Encarnaçion I found another new species of Garrya, G. macrophylla, which from its large foliage is by far the handsomest kind; but unfortunately the few seeds I found did not grow. Juglans nigra was found in the same locality. Near the Company's farm of "Guajolote" I found several sorts of pines, among which P. patula, from its smooth slender stem and valuable timber, particularly attracted my attention. Near the small village of Apulco I found Berberis lanceolata and Pinus apulcensis, and along the road Cupressus thurifera forms a stately tree 120 feet high. From this latter station the descent was very rapid to a place called "El Banco," probably so named in allusion to the bank or ledge of rock over which one has to pass at the imminent risk of falling into the ravine below, in order to reach the small village of San Cornelio. The descent to this place is very interesting; at every step there is some change, the noble Tree fern (Cyathea mexicana) makes its appearance there; Lopezia lineata, Alstonia ciliata, Lophospermum scandens, Cobea stipularis, Gaultheria nitida, were all in full flower. It was in company with those that I found the noble Habrothamnus fasciculatus of Schlechtendahl, the seeds of which I was unable to procure; it was a very fine shrub about five feet high. It has since been raised in Belgium, and a fresh specimen in flower, communicated by Mr. Van Houtte, Nurseryman of Ghent, has furnished with the assistance of one of my dried specimens the means of preparing the accompanying figure of one of the gayest plants of the Mexican Flora.

By the end of January, 1839, instructions reached me to proceed to Guatemala. I, therefore despatched the collection formed at


Real del Monte, and proceeded again to Angangueo, where by that time I found the pine cones, which I left ripening on my first visit, in a fit state for transmission; on the 20th of February I reached the city of Mexico.

The articles collected in 1838 amount to 307 , of which the following have flowered or been raised at the Garden.

Oncidium reflexum, large var.

- sanguineum

Lælia autumnalis

## - furfuracea

Stanhopea venusta
Agave sp.
Yucca sp.
Veratrum graminifolium
Hydrotænia meleagris
Rigidella flammea
Bravoa geminiflora
Arisæma macrospatha
Hymenocallis Harrisiana
Dioscorea multinervis
Berberis trifoliata

- pallida

Litsæa glaucescens
Rhamnus umbellatus
Cistus glomeratus
Bouvardia splendens
Melastomacea
Carduus sp.
Scleröon oleinum
Russellia sp.
Quercus petiolaris
Rhus sp.
Loperia lineata
Sophora secundiflora
Lupinus vaginatus
Acacia sp.
Mimosa sp.
Dalea odorata
Sąlvia sp.

- Regla
- tubifera

Arctostaphylos pungens
Cobæa stipularis
Celtis canescens
Alnus jorullensis
Spiræa fissa
Cotoneaster denticulata
Cratægus mexicana
Lindleya mespiloides
Rollinia 2 sp.

Carya olivæformis
Philadelphus mexicanus
Cornus grandis
Fuchsia fulgens
Valeriana Napus
Convolvulus, two species
Ipomæa batatoides
Calonyction speciosum
Garrya laurifolia
Lycium macrophyllum
Myrsinacea
? Freziera sp.
Juniperus flaccida

- tetragona

Cupressus thurifera
Abies religiosa
Pinus Russelliana

- Devoniana
- Montezumæ
- Teocote
- oocarpa
- macrophylla
- Hartwegii
- apulcensis
- pseudostrobus
- Llaveana
- patula
-     - var.
- leiophylla

Mammillaria pycnacantha

- uncinata
- fulvispina
- aciculata
- auriceps
- fuscata
- macrothele
- horripila
- villifera
- cirrhifera
- longimamma
- bicolor
- quadrispina
- crocidata
- Schiedeana

Mammillaria gracilis

- tenuis
- Wildiana and 22 species not named.
Echinocactus obvallatus
- coptonogonus
- cornigerus and five sorts not named.

Cereus sessilis

- polylophus
- Deppii
- pulcherrimus

Opuntia sessilis

- geometrizans

Upon my arrival in the city of Mexico (Feb. 20. 1839) I lost no time in making the necessary inquiries respecting the best way of proceeding on my new mission to Guatemala, distant nearly twelve hundred miles. After considering how circuitous is the route by sea, I resolved to undertake the journey by land, anticipating that, by going over such an extensive country, I must fall in with some novelties. Having completed the necessary arrangements for such a journey, and procured some letters of introduction to persons in Central America, I gladly accepted a kind offer made to me by Robert Smith, Esq. of Oaxaca, to accompany him and his convoy to that place, which we safely reached after a journey of eighteen days.

The valley of $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{axaca}}$ is between 4000 and 5000 feet above the level of the sea. The greater part being under cultivation, I resolved to visit the well-wooded heights to the east, which are visible from the town. A ride of five miles over a well cultivated country, varied by a few patches of sugar cane and cochineal plantations, brought me to the entrance of the mountains, which are thinly covered with Oaks of a dwarfish growth, intermingled with Arbutus jalapensis and oaxacana. Cratagus mexicana, Alnus mexicana, Maurandya antirrhiniflora, and a species of Salix grew along the rivulet. About 500 feet higher at a hut called the Rancho del Estudiante, Pinus Teocote and Leiophylla appeared, in company with Cercocarpus Fothergilloides, and Tilia mexicana, the latter forming a lofty tree. In shaded places overhanging the rivulet, Fuchsia arborescens, was flowering profusely, forming a little tree 12 feet high with a stem five inches in diameter; a shrubby Bocconia and Garrya laurifolia were also met with. At the
"Rancho del ojo de agua," the ascent became more steep, the Oaks appearing in larger masses and taller trees, and covered with several species of Tillandsia and a few Orchidacea.
Having reached the "Cumbre" or highest point, there were some stragglers of Pinus Russelliana or Devoniana, which in want of cones I could not distinguish, and some stately trees of Abies religiosa. The oaks were no longer clothed with Tillandsias and Orchidacea, but their places were occupied by a brown moss hanging gracefully down the branches in threads nearly three feet long, which gives the trees a singular appearance. Cornus disciflora, Ceanothus azureus, Rubus trilobus with its large white flowers, the pretty little Cuphea pubifora and Melampodium montanum were found at that station, the elevation of which above the level of the sea, must at least be 8,500 feet. In descending gradually towards " La Parada" which is a kind of inn, the woods consist chiefly of Pinus Teocote and Oalis. On the latter I found Odontoglossum nebulosum, Cattleya citrina and several other species. After passing the bridge, "Puente de Gia," where I found Echeveria acutifolia, and the village of San Juan, the Oaks ceased entirely, and were replaced by small Acacias and Bromeliacea. Orchidacea, although few in number, no longer cling to trees, but seek their nourishment from the ground; an instance of which is Epidendrum falcatum with its thick leaves and brittle rhizoma, which was growing most luxuriantly on a heap of loose stones and perfuming the air towards evening with its large white flowers. After descending from the village of San Juan to the Hacienda of Santa Ana, and following the rivulet as far as the mine of Socorro, I crossed a high ridge, where mining operations are carried on, and arrived at the Hacienda del Carmen, an establishment for reducing the silver ore. Carmen, or Castresana as it had formerly been called, is situate in a deep and narrow ravine, the sides of which are well wooded with Pines and Oaks, the showy Arctostaphylos nitida, Gaultheria hirtiflora, Vaccinium brachys-
tachyum, Arbutus jalapensis, Lyonia ferruginea and Philadelphus mexicanus. Ascending the steep sides on the right I arrived on the "Monte Pelado" or bald mountain, so called from the upper part being destitute of trees, which gives it a singular appearance compared with the mountain ranges on the opposite side of the ravine. Near "Las Cruces" on the ascent to the Monte Pelado I observed some remarkably fine trees of Abies religiosa and Pinus Ayacahuite, the latter measuring three to four feet in diameter. Bordering on the limits of trees I found three plants, remarkable for their geographical distribution ; they had previously been known from other countries; they are Chimaphila maculata, Pyrola rotundifolia and Ottoa menanthoides, the latter found by Humboldt near Ibarra in the Andes of Quito.
Having well examined the vegetation about Carmen, I ascended the high ground at the back, crossed Llano verde and arrived at the Indian village of Tanetze. The name of Llano verde (green plain) is given to the mountain intervening as far Tanetze, a distance of eighteen miles, and is derived from a green swampy place in the midst of the wood, measuring some twenty feet square. The climate of Llano verde is termed by the natives " caliente humida," or warm and damp, the temperature being about $70^{\circ}$ Fahr. and particularly adapted to the growth of Oncidium ornithorhynchum, which I found there in great splendour. In the more elevated parts Pinus apulcensis, Tilia mexicana, Clethra mexicana, several Lycopodiums, Pteris aquilina twelve feethigh, and Cyathea mexicana were met with. Descending this ridge, several Melastomacea, Epidendrum rhizophorum with its bright scarlet flowers, were growing on the outskirts of the wood. From Tanetze I went over a broken road to Tabaa where I found Befaria lavis and discolor in full flower, growing in company with Magnolia glauca, the flowers of which are used by the religious Indians in decorating their places of worship. Tabaa, being situate in "tierra caliente," or the warm country, produces some fine Pine apples, Oranges,Plantains,Sugar-

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cane, Cherimoyers and Coffee. Descending towards Santa Gertrudes I found a small bean, the seeds of which resemble those of Abrus precatorius, and are said to be employed with success against the bite of the little venomous spider called Chiatatlahua.

Passing over the steep ascent of the Cuesta de mata Hombre I found some Orchidacea which had previously been seen near Taba; the woods consisted of a variety of Pines and Oaks. Descending towards the river Tabaa luxuriant vegetation gradually disappears, and the arid soil only produces stunted Mimosas, Agaves, tall Cerei, and a few straggling specimens of Cyrtopodium punctatum. The same vegetation continues ascending the other side towards Villa-alta. From the latter place to Tonaguia, the road leads through many ravines, and the vegetation is similar to that of Tabaa. The inkplant, "Xuquilite," Justicia atramentaria, was pointed out to me here as a great curiosity. To produce the ink the foliage and young shoots are enveloped in large leaves, such as those of Plantains, and are gently heated over the fire for a few minutes, after which a black fluid is expressed from them, and used instead of ink. Its chief use with the Indians, near whose houses some plants are generally to be met with, is in a diluted state, to give their linen a blueish appearance. I never found the plant wild; in its cultivated state it forms a compact erect shrub three feet high.

Towards Comaltepeque, species of Arum, Pothos, and Heliconia, indicating a true tropical climate, make their appearance, the Mammee trees are covered with a variety of Orchidacea and Tillandsias, and, such is the fertility of the soil, assisted by a constant heavy dew and mist, that three crops of Indian corn are obtained on the same piece of ground in one year.

Between Comaltepeque and Choapan the mountains are partly destitute of trees; woods of deciduous Oaks still occur, and trees of Pinus oocarpa which latter seems to enjoy a high temperature.

Near Roabela, pine apples were growing wild along the road; VOL. III. 2ND SERIES.
the fruit they produced was small and worthless, but was said to improve much when cultivated.

At Yalahui the vegetation is most luxuriant; Pines cease to grow, but the higher parts are still covered with deciduous Oaks. Here the Cordillera, which had been entered at a distance of two leagues from Oaxaca, is passed; the whole distance being about fifty leagues. Towards Iochiapam the " bajos," or lowlands, bordering on the gulf of Mexico begin, Palms become more frequent, and the first Cotton plantations occur.

At Playa Vicente Palms covered large spaces of ground; and the thermometer stood at 2 P.M. at $94^{\circ}$ Fahr.

At the Rancheria de Buena Vista the Oaks composing forests are small, vegetation assumes a dry aspect, and the large tracts of savannahs were parched up. Towards the Santuario Cotton plantations became more frequent, and three species of Palm were observed. The temperature of the lowlands was $95^{\circ}$ in the shade during the day, and $83^{\circ}$ at night. From this place which is one hundred leagues from Oaxaca, I returned by the same road as far as Comaltepeque.

From the latter place to Totontepeque the vegetation bears a great similarity to that of Tonaguia, from which it is separated by a high ridge. In the more elevated parts the Amber tree, Liquidambar styraciflua, forms a large tree and its secretion is highly valued by the Indians in dressing wounds. The village of Totontepeque is about 4,000 feet above the level of the sea, and enjoys a temperature of $65^{\circ}$ to $75^{\circ}$ all the year round ; the climate is particularly well adapted to the growth of Coffee of which there are some patches; the Granadilla (Passiflora stipularis) is very common, as also the "Aguacate" or Alligator pear, a species of Persea, with a large globular fruit and thick rind.

From Comaltepeque the road for nearly eight leagues rises continually until it reaches its highest point, the "cumbre" or summit of Totontepeque, which by several barometrical observations
is determined to be between 9,000 and 10,000 feet above the level of the sea; the temperature on the 13th of May at two o'clock P.M. was $58^{\circ}$ Fahr. The deep vallies and ravines surrounding this mountain no doubt contribute in a great measure to heighten the temperature, which in combination with the heavy dews and mists, produces a most luxuriant vegetation, which, under ordinary circumstances, could not be expected at such an elevation. The whole mountain, up to the summit, is covered with large evergreen Oaks and other forest trees, and their branches were loaded with a variety of Tillandsia and Cereus Aclermanni, the latter in full bloom, vying in richness of colour with Epidendrum vitellinum. The first flowers I saw of that rare and magnificent Epidendrum were at such an elevation on the trees that I was unable to recognize what they were, until on the descent, about 400 feet lower, I fell in with more, and procured several large masses; in the same locality I found Fuchsia splendens in flower and seed, from which many plants have been raised and distributed.

Towards the village of Betaza the vegetation is very poor, and the soil, from its aridity, scarcely cultivated. From Betaza to Yalina the road leads again over the river of Tabaa, about two leagues higher than where it had been crossed before, and offers again the same dry parched appearance.

Passing over the "Monte de Yalina" I observed towards the summit Myrtus montana forming a shrub two feet high, having a great resemblance to the common narrow leaved kind. There also I found again Abies religiosa and Pinus Ayacahuite which had been met with on the Pelado which is separated by a deep ravine from the Monte de Yalina. Following the steep descent the same plants appeared that had been observed on the ascent to the Pelado, and after an absence of eight and twenty days, during which time I travelled six hundred miles, I returned to the Hacienda del Carmen with several loads of plants.

Having returned to Oaxaca and despatched my collections to Vera Cruz, I resolved to undertake a journey to the south coast. The road leads along cochineal plantations, through the valley of Oaxaca, for nearly ten leagues, and then enters the mountains near San Andres, without offering much more than a few Mimosas and Algarobia dulcis. Near the Rancho del Aye, the river of Oaxaca, is bordered by fine specimens of Taxodium distichum, some of which measure between 4 and 5 feet in diameter. Ascending the mountain, I observed a tall Cereus, a Cyrtopodium, and a few Epiphytes. About two leagues further on, the mountains are well covered with a variety of Oaks and Pines, and from thence to the sugar plantation of Santa Ana, the same barrenness prevails as had been observed the day before. Near San Miguel Sola, I found Cypripedium molle in full flower, growing in the shade of Oaks. The valley of Santa Ana is barren and destitute of trees; sugar cane however is cultivated; but from the dryness of the soil and atmosphere, it does not succeed without artificial irrigation. Towards the Monte de la Virgin the vegetation improves; it was in this wood that I first found the Hand-tree, Cheirostemon platanoides, which here forms a tree 60 feet in height; it was at the time in which I first saw it covered with half ripe seed pods. A tree of this kind stands in the Botanic Garden of the city of Mexico, and another grows near Toluca, both of which have attained some celebrity, as no traveller who has seen them has ever failed to extol their rarity, they being considered to be the only two trees of the kind in existence until this station was found out.

Between Juquila, where I found Catasetum laminatum and other Orchidacea, and the villages of Panistlahuaca and Tepanistlahuaca, where I met with Dioscorea macrostachya, the savannahs offering but little during the dry season, I found a high ridge and arrived at San Juan Quiage, where I discovered some very interesting plants. Towards Tecojomulco, Pine woods intermixed with Oaks, continue to the descent to San Andres in the valley of Oaxaca.

After returning to the town of $\mathrm{Oaxaca}^{2}$ and despatching the collections which I brought with me from the south coast, I made an excursion to the Chinantla, which had been represented as being particularly worthy of my attention. The district so called lies in the mountains north of Oaxaca and comprises several Indian villages ; it is intersected by several large rivers which empty themselves in the Gulf of Mexico, measures about thirty leagues in length, and from one to five in breadth, and produces nearly all the tropical fruits cultivated in Mexico in addition to the Soursop (Achras mammosa) which is rarely seen in other parts of that country, and the "Palao," a species of Passiflora, having a yellow fruit three inches in length and two and a half in diameter; the pulp of this being rather acid is chiefly used in making refreshments.
The whole district of the Chinantla from its broken surface and well wooded mountains offers a great variety of climate and vegetation, but from my visit happening near the end of the dry season my exertions did not meet my expectations. Having returned to Oaxaca and despatched my collections to Vera Cruz, I prepared to resume my journey to Guatemala.

The following plants collected in the state of Oaxaca have flowered or been raised in the garden, viz. :

Epidendrum diotum

- cochleatum
- virgatum
- radiatum
- asperum
- bractescens
- arbuscula
- fragrans
- gladiatum
- ritellinum
- falcatum

Oncidium reflexum var.

- ascendens
- sanguineum
- ensatum
- incurvum
- longifolium

Galeandra Baueri
Acropera Loddigesii
Cyrtochilum hastatum
Catasetum maculatum

Catasetum laminatum
Maxillaria elegans
Peristeria Barkeri
Gongora maculata alba
Lalia albida

- autumnalis
- acuminata

Ornithocephalus reflexus
Stanhopea saccata

- oculata

Chysis bractescens
Cattleya citrina
Cyrtopodium punctatum
Dioscorea macrostachya
Bessera elegans
Oxalis sp.
Mammillaria divergens

- hystrix
- elegans globosa

Echinocactus macrodiscus

Cereus sp.
Amaryllis sp.
Eeheveria acutifolia

Dipsacozamia mexicana Bocconia sp. Rigidella immaculata.

On the 13th of August I finally left Oaxaca for Central America, passing once more near that extraordinary tree Taxodium distichum, which I had visited before on an unsuccessful excursion to the ancient palaces of Mitla. This tree stands in the village of Santa Maria del Ule, about seven leagues south-east of Oaxaca; it measures at 6 feet from the ground $32 \frac{1}{2}$ Spanish yards, or 98 feet English measure in circumference, and is I believe the largest tree of its kind on record. The stem is not perfectly round, for several board-like excrescences descend the main stem in a longitudinal direction from a height of fifteen feet; these when they reach the ground are from 6 to 8 feet distant from the stem. At the height of 40 feet, the branches, each of which are good-sized trees of several feet in diameter, separate. The top, enormous although it appears, is not in proportion to the stem, both together measuring barely $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ feet in height. The tree grows in dry burning soil, it is surrounded by houses, and is in perfect health ; Santa Maria del Ule, the name of the village in which this tree stands, derives the apposition "Ule" from the tree, and is still known by this name in other parts of the country where the same language is spoken. When we consider that at the conquest of Mexico the Spaniards allowed the name of this tree to be affixed to the patron saint of the village, the tree must have been even at that period of considerable size. This, although the tree is common in the milder parts on the eastern declivity of the great mountain range north of the city of Mexico, is the most southern specimen of the kind with which I fell in, and it has in all probability been brought from the north, and planted there like the Hand-tree, the two solitary specimens of which existing in the city of Mexico and near the town of Toluca, must have been brought from the south.

After leaving the valley of Oaxaca, the road gradually descends to the shores of the Pacific, along which I travelled for about one
hundred and thirty leagues. The rainy season having set in, and having already experienced difficulties in passing some rivers, I was obliged to abandon my plan of following the coast road to Guatemala. From the farm of Espiritu Santo, I struck in for the mountain road of Chiapas, and after a journey of three days I arrived at Comitan, which is the last Mexican town on the frontiers of Central America, it is distant from the city of Guatemala one hundred leagues. After entering the confines of Central America, the road becomes more uneven until it reaches the highest point at Rosario, which, judging from the stunted appearance of Juniperus mexicana growing a few hundred feet above the range of Abies religiosa, is at an elevation of nearly 11,000 feet.

Near Gueguetenango and Chiantla I first found Lalia superbiens, then opening fine rose-coloured flowers, which were supported on a stem from 3 to 5 feet in length; in the more shaded places, overhanging mountain torrents, I have observed the flowerstem sometimes 9 feet in length, but never more.

On the 26th of October I arrived in the town of Quezaltenango, and finding the surrounding mountains likely to furnish plants suited to fulfil the object of my mission, I resolved to stay there. Quezaltenango is about 8,500 feet above the level of the sea, and is situated at the foot of the active volcano Xetuh, the summit of which is about 1,500 feet above the town; the lower portion of this mountain is partly cultivated; a few hundred feet higher up some stunted oaks, on which I found Odontoglossum pygmeum, are growing in company with Comarostaphylis arbutoides, the latter forming a tree 18 feet in height; near the crater of Xetuh I found Fuchsia cordifolia and the little Polygonum volcanicum. This volcano, when it first broke out, which is about forty-eight years ago, had been densely wooded, and a few large, dry, and blackened stems of Pinus Ayacahuite, some of which are still erect and-overhanging the crater, bear witness to the fact. At the foot of Xetuh, as well as that of the neighbouring mountain

Santa Maria, the Ayacahuite, there called Tablas, is still common, and there are equally large trees with those observed on the Pelado in the Sierra of Oaxaca. It was at this station that $I$ at length succeeded in obtaining a supply of ripe cones, which have been amply distributed among members of the society, and from which plants have been raised at the garden. It will no doubt prove quite hardy. Following the road at the foot of Xetuh for nearly three miles, I arrived at "Las Cruces," where I found Solandra grandiflora producing large yellow flowers, and clinging for support to other trees. Las Cruces is merely a place where a few rudely made crosses are fixed by the road side, in order to apprize the traveller, ascending from the lowlands, that he has reached the highest point on the road; this place is held in great veneration by the Indians, who often adorn the crosses with flowers, or burn incense, which is the produce of an Elaphrium found in the province of Soconusco. Descending gradually from Las Cruces towards the village of Santa Maria, I first found Achimenes pedunculata with a slender naked stem, 1 foot in height, having a few leaves at the top, and seldom bearing more than two flowers. The original plant is scarcely to be recognized in the large fine specimens cultivated in this country. Peristeria Barkeri, Odontoglossum grande, and Rossii, with Oncidium leucochilum, were also met with near Santa Maria.

Travelling to the village of Retahluleu, in the lowlands, near the shores of the Pacific Ocean, the road passes along the foot of the mountain Santa Maria, until it descends into the gloomy forests of the temperate region, where the showy Justicia umbrosa, macrantha, and inaqualis, all of which failed to vegetate in the gardens, attracted my attention; there I also found for the first time Quercus Skinneri, with its extraordinary acorn; the specimens rose to the height of 50 feet.

Passing from these temperate parts towards Retahluleu, Orchidacea became more plentiful, and Epidendrum Stamfordianum, E. asperum, Fernandezia elegans, Brassavola venosa and Lalia
acuminata, were found in abundance growing on the Calabash tree (Crescentia Cujete) in that village. This tree is peculiarly adapted to their growth.

On an excursion to Sunil I passed near the morass of Almolonga, where I found Escobedia linearis growing in great abundance, and apparently enjoying a swampy situation, although often seen in dry and heavy soil. The root yields a yellow dye, resembling saffron. Upon entering the defile, after leaving the morass, I found Cobaa macrostema in full bloom, covering with slender vines anything with which it happened to come in contact.

The village of Sunil is situated on the western declivity of Xetuh, nearly on the same level as Quezaltenango, but, being surrounded by high mountains, the flora is materially different from that on the burnt up fields near that town.

The following is a list of the plants procured about Quezaltenango, which have flowered or exist at the Garden :

| Oncidium leucochilum - nebulosum | Lælia acuminata <br> - superbiens |
| :---: | :---: |
| Odontoglossum grande | Fuchsia cordifolia |
| - Rossii | Phaseolus sp. |
| - pulchellum | Comarostaphylis arbutoides |
| Epidendrum asperum | Passiflora stipulacea |
| - Stamfordianum | Centropogon cordifolius |
| - aurantiacum | Salvia involucrata |
| Peristeria Barkeri | - pulchella |
| Maxillaria variabilis | Cuphea pubiflora |
| Dinema polybulbon | Rubus trilobus |
| Hartwegia purpurea | Polygonum volcanicum |
| Hexadesmia fasciculata | Convolvulus sp. |
| Trichopilia tortilis | Bouvardia strigosa |
| Fernandezia elegans | Pinus Ayacahuite. |

Having packed up my collections, and having failed to procure mules to carry the chests to Guatemala, I hired some Indians to transport them on their backs; this sort of conveyance, although novel to me at that time, I subsequently made use of whenever quadrupeds could not be procured, or when care and despatch were required. The only drawback connected with the Indians is, that they must before starting get intoxicated with the money they receive on account
of freight, and then by way of diversion they commence fighting ; this done, they resume their journey with sorrowful countenances, and contrive by forced marches to arrive within the stipulated time. The load for an Indian weighs from 80 to 150 lbs ., and with this they will walk ten and fifteen days in succession, performing each day a journey of from twenty to twenty-five miles. The remuneration they receive is half of that of a mule load, which is always composed of two parcels, or about one shilling for every ten miles.

Once more I resumed my journey to Guatemala. After leaving Quezaltenango, and travelling about two miles along the swampy plain, which is considered to be the source of the river Motagua, the road gradually rises towards the village of Totonicapan; the ascent becomes then more steep, and the sides of the mountain become covered with large evergreen Oalss, with scarcely any under shrubs except a few bushes of Viburnum discolor. Passing gradually from the region of Oaks to that of the Pinuses, I once more found some remarkably fine trees of Abies religiosa, together with Pinus Hartwegii. I may here observe, that this is the most southern station of Abies religiosa, with which I am acquainted, it having now been found at various places between $15^{\circ}$ and $22^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$.L. ; its chief range however, is about $19^{\circ}$.

Passing over a slightly undulated surface $I$ reached the high table land, which is thinly wooded with stunted trees of Alnus mexicana, on which I found in great luxuriance, the pretty little $A r$ pophyllum alpinum, with short spikes of dark purple flowers. The elevation of this plain above the sea is at least 10,000 feet, and the black volcanic soil of which it is composed is chiefly occupied by a long coarse grass, which grows in large tufts, giving not the slightest chance to other plants. Cattle will not eat this grass.

Having crossed the plain I arrived at the descent to the farm of Argueta, which is known by the name of Cuesta de la Alhaja; here my attention was arrested by the showy Oxylepis lanata, resembling in habit the dwarfer kinds of Helenium, and
bearing several large yellow flowers on a stem of 18 inches in height.

Near this place a singular custom is observed by the Indians, who, with loads on their backs, put their feet into a hollow rudely resembling the foot of a human being, made by nature in a large flat rock by the road-side. This precaution they say is necessary in order to prevent them from making a false step on the descent to Argueta. I have no doubt that the carriers of my chests of plants from Quezaltenango, went through this ceremony of "footing."

Descending the Cuesta de la Alhaja, where I found Passifora membranacea and the pretty Rigidella immaculata, the latter growing in a dry hard loam, the ground becomes more uneven, and is for the greater part covered with evergreen Oaks, and Pinus oocarpoides. Near Santiago, I found Pinus filifolia, producing large cones and long foliage and rising to the height of 40 feet; judging from its habit and the exposed situation in which it was found, it will no doubt prove as hardy as most Mexican Pines.

Having arrived at the descent towards the village of Mixco, a beautiful panorama of the town of Guatemala, which lay in the plain below, burst open to the view ; the pleasure I felt after such a long and toilsome, but withal interesting journey, may be easier imagined than described. The plain or rather valley of Guatemala, which is fifteen miles in length by nine in width, enjoys a delightful temperature, resembling that of the month of May or June in England; the lowest temperature I observed was in February, when the thermometer occasionally falls to $60^{\circ}$ in the morning, and the warmest was in April, when it sometimes rises as high as $80^{\circ}$; during the rest of the year it ranges from $70^{\circ}$ to $75^{\circ}$.

The plain in which Guatamela is situated, is about $\mathbf{5 , 0 0 0}$ feet above the level of the sea, and yet Sugarcane, Bananas, Coffee, Cherimogers, Custard Apple, Peaches, Spondias Myrobalanus, (from the fruit of which "Chicha," a favourite beverage of the

Indians is prepared), and Indian Corn succeed at this elevation. Morus multicaulis, which has lately been introduced for rearing the silkworm, thrives most vigorously and produces leaves during the whole year. The silk produced is of the finest quality and promises to become an important article of exportation. The greater part of the valley of Guatemala is under cultivation, and produces excellent crops of Indian Corn; the ravines by which it is surrounded on three sides, vary in depth from 100 to 500 feet; they have evidently been made, and are still being made daily, by the water from the plain and surrounding mountains, after a heavy shower, having washed away the thin cover of ferruginous clay, till it reaches the crumbled pumicestone of which the plain is composed, when that light material is also carried away by the flood. The sides of these ravines slope at an angle of $45^{\circ}$ more or less, and a rivulet of insipid water winds its way through most of them. The pumicestone is not suitable for vegetation, unless it is well decomposed and mixed with vegetable matter; in this state it is the favourite soil of Sobralia macrantha, which is one of the most splendid of the Guatemala Oichidacea, unfolding, for several weeks in succession, rich crimson flowers, from 6 to 8 inches in diameter, supported on a reed-like stem, and forming a beautiful contrast between the dwarf, but not less handsome, Achimenes longiflora, growing by its side. This Achimenes, like pedunculata, has also been materially improved by proper cultivation. The flowers have become nearly double the size and are produced in greater abundance than in its native place.

The valley of Guatemala is destitute of trees, and for the greater part also of shrubs; it is chiefly on the sides of the ravines that Oncidium Cavendishianum, leucochilum and Epidendrum aurantiacum are to be found.

One of my first excursions after examining the vegetation about Guatemala was to the "Chorro," a little cascade by the roadside, about 12 miles N.E. of the capital; here I found again, though
not plentifully, Brassavola glauca, with large white lip and slightly scented flowers, growing in company with Cyrtochilum maculatum var., Russelianum, Epidendrum varicosum, and fragrans, Brassia guttata and brachiata, the latter remarkable for its long narrow sepals spotted with brown. On the steep rocks overhanging the rivulet the "Papelillo" (Caloseris rupestris Benth.) with long panicle and large leaves which are white underneath, formed a beautiful object. The stem of this plant is covered with a yellowish wool, which is used as a substitute for tinder. The woods about this place are composed of evergreen Oaks, and especially of Pinus oocarpoides, which attains the height of 50 feet; the chief range of this is at an elevation of about 4,000 feet, and though it descends nearly to the shore of the Bay of Honduras, it never occurs on the South coast, or higher than 5,000 feet above the level of the sea. It is to be feared that it will prove too tender for English gardens. The same may be said of Pinus tenuifolia, which I found in ravines east of Guatemala, and on the mountains of Choacus in the province of Vera Paz, only a few hundred feet higher than Pinus oocarpoides. In the more sheltered places I often found this $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ feet in height and from 3 to $4 \frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter at the base. Scarcely a shrub or herbaceous plant is found in these Pine tracts.
On an excursion to the lowlands bordering on the Pacific Ocean, the road led me through the valley of Guatemala, and after a short but rather steep descent, I passed the lake of Amatitlan, and entered the village of the same name. The dry atmosphere and arid soil are not favourable to much variety in the vegetation, but are well adapted to the cochineal which is here produced in great abundance and of the finest quality. Following the gradual descent, and entering shaded woods, I met with Stanhopea saccata, Trichopilia tortilis, Mormodes lineatum, the latter scenting the air with its fragrant flowers, and Cycnoches ventricosum. The latter, now well known for its tendency to sport never did so as far as I could
observe in its native haunt. Although Mr. Skinner, who was with me on one of these excursions, called my attention to the then supposed C. Egertonianum, yet among several dozen plants that I had collected out of flower, after careful examination I could only discover the short flower stem of Cycnoches ventricosum.*

The village of Escuintla, where I next arrived, is on the same level as Retahluleu, which I had visited from Quezaltenango, and it yielded me the same plants found at the latter place with the addition however of Catasetum maculatum, and integerrimum, Aspasia epidendroides, Oncidium ascendens, and the large variety, of ampliatum, Epidendrum macrochilum, Brassavola venosa, Trigonidium Egertonianum and Cattleya Slinneri; the latter I found inhabiting the highest trees, in abundance, in full bloom in the month of February, in the damp and gloomy woods looking towards the sea.

From Escuintla I returned over Medio Monte to Antigua Guatemala. The name of Medio Monte is applied to the wood between the fire and water volcanoes, which at their base are only a few hundred yards apart; this wood furnished me with some fine specimens of Oncidium ornithorhynchum, Maxillaria cruenta, and aromatica; and in the higher parts, Oncidium macrantherum, and O. Wentworthianum, with a long flower stem resembling in habit O. leucochilum ; here also a few small plants of Barkeria spectabilis have been found. Some fine masses of the latter as well as of Epidendrum Slinneri, Oncidium Cavendishianum and Stanhopeas are sometimes seen in the villages of Mixco, Sumpango, and Alotenango, where they are stuck on the trees near the houses, merely surrounded at the roots with clay to prevent them from being

[^10]blown down, by this means they form better plants and flower more freely than in their native woods. The Indians, who grow them for the sake of the flowers to adorn their altars, are generally very reluctant to part with these plants.
The Volcan de Agua, or water volcano rises to the height of 12,600 feet above the level of the sea, and is about 6,000 feet higher than the plain on which Antigua Guatemala or the old town of Guatemala is built; it is regular on all sides, representing the form of a sugar loaf with the point cut off. It received the name of Volcan de Agua from the Spaniards, under Alvarado, who after subduing the country, formed a settlement at the foot of this mountain. It, however, was soon destroyed by a torrent of water issuing forth from the summit, and carrying every thing before it. The deep furrows which the water made in its descent, although now again covered with vegetation, are still plainly visible even from the new town of Guatemala, a distance of 25 miles. The lower region of this volcano is under cultivation, or is pasture land, while at an elevation of $\mathbf{9 , 0 0 0}$ feet a girdle of trees passes round it, the most conspicuous of which is Cheirostemon platanoides, which also occurs at the same elevation on the Volcan de Fuego, where it attains the height of from 60 to 80 feet, often forming a stem of 4 feet in diameter. Having passed this region, a long grass covers the ground, which makes the hill, which is steep, still more difficult to ascend. A Veratrum like Zygadenus volcanicus, was found here, throwing up a branched flower stem of 3 feet in height, covered with pendulous scented flowers of a dingy yellow ; and by its side Berberis gracilis, which I recognised immediately by its slender growth and red petioles, although without either flower or seed. After much halting on account of the steep ascent and rarified air, which made breathing continually more difficult, I at length arrived at the brink of the crater, climbing the ascent from the village of Santa Maria in four hours. A few minutes delay would have deprived me of the view I had, for the clouds arose rapidly from the
plain below, and soon obscured even the interior of the crater in such a manner that I could not clearly distinguish its sides afterwards, although I encamped in it for the night, and staid there part of the next day.

The crater is similar to an immense caldron, about 300 feet in width at the top and 150 feet in depth. Its nearly perpendicular sides admit of only one descent, at a place where they appear to have fallen in, or to have been carried away by the eruption of the water. The bottom is perfectly flat and consists of black volcanic ashes, strewed with a few blocks of porphyry which had been detached from the sides above. The present state of the crater is not easily reconciled with the account of eruption of water that occurred about three centuries ago; for if we suppose the water to have sprung from an internal opening of the crater, how can we account for its present level state? and if, as some have supposed, the water that burst forth, had been collecting in the crater during the heavy periodical rains with which that country is visited, how could the volcanic ashes, of which the bottom is composed, have retained it? With regard to the ashes, found in the crater, we might ascribe the circumstance to the Fire volcano close by, (which even now throws out a column of smoke), if we had had any large eruptions on record posterior to that of the water. That the so called water volcano had at one time largely contributed in covering the country for leagues around with beds of ashes and pumice stone, we cannot for a moment doubt, considering its enormous crater. And with regard to the eruption of water, we shall not be far from the truth in ascribing it to a waterspout alighting near the crater; a circumstance not at all improbable, for such occurrences are not rare. I have observed the effects of three of very recent date, one in the mountains of Oaxaca, and two in the Andes of Popayan, where the water in its descent swept away the largest trees, and left furrows similar to those on the Volcan de Agua.
The bottom of the crater, which is but scantily covered with vege-
tation, furnished Aplopappus stoloniferus; and a Commelynaceous plant which constitutes a new genus (Lampra volcanica Benth.) was found unfolding pretty white flowers where the blocks of stone afforded it a little protection, whilst in the more exposed places it had been nipped by frost. The only tree which grows near the crater and even inside of it is Pinus Hartwegii; and these specimens are equally large with those observed in Mexico. The cones which had been but sparingly produced that season were then (in August) half ripe; and the squirrels which visit that desolate region had eaten them even in that state.
During my stay in Guatemala, I saw this mountain twice covered with snow, or rather with hailstones; but the top not being within the limits of perpetual snow, the latter seldom lies more than two or three days. No water being found on the ascent after leaving the village of Santa Maria, I had to include that article among my provisions, although I was rather liberally supplied from above, during the night which I passed in the crater.

Crossing the plain of Guatemala in a southerly direction, I ascended the gentle acclivity of the Cuesta de Pinula, and arrived at the farm of Arrasola, which is situated about 500 feet above the plain. The undulated surface, clothed with a green sward and detached shrubberies, presented a beautiful picture, and strongly reminded me of park scenery in England. In the shaded woods in dells, I found Odontoglossum grande, bearing from 3 to 4 large showy flowers on a spike; in the more exposed situations Ornithocephalus inflexus, Coelia macrostachya, with dense spike of rosecoloured flowers, and Oncidium pergameneum, bicallosum, and the latter with a flower-stem equalling the leaves, and large yellow flowers, were collected.
Having here received instructions from the Council of the Society, to proceed to the equatorial Andes, I packed up my collection; duplicates from which I remitted from time to time.
The following is a list of plants collected in Guatemala, which VOL. III. 2ND series.
have flowered in the garden; besides these, however, there are many Orchidaceous and other plants, which have as yet not shown any disposition to flower.

Aspasia epidendroides
Barkeria spectabilis
Brassavola glauca

- venosa

Brassia brachiata

- guttata

Catasetum integerrimum

- maculatum
- Russellianum

Cattleya granulosa

- Skinneri

Colia Baueri

- macrostachya

Cycnoches ventricosum
Epidendrum alatum

- aurantiacum
- diotum
- incumbens
- lacertinum
- macrochilum
- polyanthum
- selligerum
- Skinneri
- Stamfordianum
- varicosum
- virgatum

Govenia liliacea

- sp .

Lacæna bicolor
Lælia superbiens

- acuminata

Maxillaria aromatica

- concava
- cruenta
- densa

Mormodes lineatum

- aromaticum

Notylia bicolor
Odontoglossum bictoniense

- elatum
- grande
- pulchellum

Oncidium ampliatum large var. - ascendens

- bicallosum
- Cavendishianum
- Cebolleta

Oncidium filipes

- leucochilum
- macrantherum
- microchilum
- ornithorhynchum
- pergameneum
- sphacelatum
-     - var.
- Suttoni
- Wentworthianum

Sobralia macrantha
Spiranthes rosulata

- cerina
- grandiflora

Stanhopea saccata

- Wardii
-     - var.

Trichocentrum candidum
Trichopilia tortilis
Trigonidium Egertonii
Achimenes longiflora

- pedunculata
- rosea

Aristolochia Gigas
Begonia crassicaulis

- incana
- vitifolia

Cheirostemon platanoides
Drymonia punctata
Fuchsia splendens
Gesnera longifolia
Hydrotænia Meleagris
Hymenocallis patens
Ipomæa rubro-cærulea
Lampra volcanica
Niphæa oblonga
Pancratium sp.
Passiflora membranacea
Pinus filifolia

- tenuifolia
- oocarpoides

Quercus callosa

- Skinneri
-     - var.

Rigidella immaculata
Salvia prunelloides
Zygadenus volcanicus.
orders to proceed, in consequence of the little traffic carried on between the two countries, I eventually sailed from the port of Realejo, and after what might be considered a fine passage of 36 days, I landed at Callao on the coast of Peru. Having stopped here for a few days, I made an excursion from Lima towards Acobamba. This is situated in the Cordillera, which rises behind the capital and which attains its highest point at the Toldo de nieve, (tent of snow), being a broad sheet of perpetual snow visible from Callao. The lower part of this Cordillera, and indeed the whole coast of Peru, from the total absence of rain, presents a most desolate appearance, and the eye in vain searches for a green spot for relief. Entering the ravines, I observed a few plants of Cereus senilis and another tall growing species ; the former however seldom attains more than 10 feet in height, nor has it the long white hairs with which that species is covered in Mexico. Near the solitary bluff rock, called Paucacha, which is barely within the influence of the periodical rains, I found a beautiful bright orange-flowered Tacsonia, also Oxalis rubrocincta, Berberis dealbata, Colletia horrida, and a Hesperomeles with long thorns.

Returning to Lima, and finding that the vessel in which I had engaged a passage was to sail shortly, I repaired to Callao, and after a passage of nine days with a favourable breeze and current, we entered the river Guayas, on the right bank of which the town of Guapaquil is situated. The country hereabouts is flat and well wooded, particularly along the river ; but the myriads of mosquitoes which inhabit the thickets, make the examination of their flora anything but agreeable. The thermometer ranges here from $80^{\circ}$ to $85^{\circ}$ throughout the year, with little variation during night; this temperature, which is considerably less than that of the east coast in a similar latitude, is no doubt owing to the high Cordillera in the interior, and also to numerous snow clad mountains, of which, Chimborazo is visible from the coast. These no doubt contribute in lowering the temperature.

Orchidacea which I expected to find in abundance in the shaded woods along the river, were comparatively scarce, and my exertions were only rewarded with four species, which although they arrived safely have not yet flowered.

Towards the middle of May the periodical rains, which make travelling in the Andes next to impossible, having ceased, I resumed my journey to Loxa. A three days sail in a canoe down the river Guayaquil, brought me to the village of Santa Rosa, from whence I started on the following day for the village of Paccha, which is distant about fourteen leagues, for the purpose of procuring mules to bring up my luggage. This journey gave me some insight with regard to the roads that I should have to take in pursuing my occupation in the Andes. The road as far the Tambo de la Chonta, a distance of seven leagues, leads through a narrow ravine, and crosses the rivulet which flows in it sixty-five times; these repeated crossings although the water is scarcely 3 feet in depth, became at every step worse, for the large stones, which had been carried down during the rains, rendered the footing of mules unsafe. The Tambo de la Chonta, where I arrived towards the evening, is only a thatched roof supported on a few beams, affording the weary traveller no other accommodation than that of shelter ; the ascent which had hitherto been comparatively trifing becomes steeper; and the large trees, Palms, and thick underwood bespeak a damp climate.

The village of $\mathbf{P a c c h a}^{\text {at, (if twenty mud-built houses deserve the }}$ name), is about 5,000 feet above the level of the sea and enjoys a delightful temperature; sugarcane, coffee, yuca, (Jatropha Manihot), oranges, pine-apples, come to perfection at this elevation. The shaded woods and dells furnished me a great variety of Orchidacea, among which an Oncidium from its singular habit particularly attracted my attention; this plant throws up a slender branched flower stem from 10 to 12 feet in height and produces pseudobulbs from the stem itself; these in the course of time form plants
again, sending their offspring a couple of yards higher up, and thus often a single plant runs up a tree 25 feet in height. This species together with twenty more, which I collected in these damp woods, was ill fitted to withstand the long journey round Cape Horn; and, consequently the greater part of them when they arrived in England were dead ; of those surviving, Stanhopea Bucephalus and Lycaste lanipes alone have flowered.
From Paccha towards Loxa, the ground is extremely uneven. Near the Indian village El Sisne, at an elevation of nearly 9,000 feet, I found Stenomesson aurantiacum, displaying bright orange flowers, and several large-rooted species of Macleania, with Myrica macrocarpa, from the seeds of which the industrious Indians obtain a green wax, employed for religious purposes. Descending to the valley of El Catamayo, the presence of Agaves, Mimosas, a triangular Cereus, Schinus Molle (here called "Molle," or pepper tree), Elaphrium and Crotons, indicated a dry atmosphere. A tree called Arupo (Chionanthus pubescens,) inhabiting the steep sides of the mountains, formed a conspicuous object ; its delicate rose-coloured flowers, produced in great abundance before the leaves, are visible at a great distance, and contrast well with the apparently dead vegetation around. From the farm of El Catamayo, where sugar-cane is cultivated, to the town of Loxa, a distance of five leagues, the main Cordillera has to be crossed; this part of the Andes is of easy access and is scarcely more than 8,000 feet above the sea; it has formerly been a Cinchona forest, but since the Quina has become an article of commerce, the Cinchona has gradually disappeared, on account of the bad system which is pursued in obtaining the bark by uprooting the plant. The best Quina or Cascarilla is yielded by Cinchona Condaminea, which is 6 feet in height ; several other species of arborescent Cinchonas abound in the mountains of Loxa, but their bark is considered to be inferior to this. In the more exposed situations of this Cordillera, I collected several
species of Befaria, also Macleanias having large fleshy roots, Vacciniums, Fuchsia loxensis, Barnadesia spinosa, Berberis glauca, Alströmerias, Hypericum laricifolium, yielding a yellow dye, a Viburnum and Lupinus semperflorens, the latter forming a shrub 12 feet in height, and flowering profusely throughout the year.

Orchidacea also, are to be met with at this elevation, but they are more abundant in the woods a few hundred feet lower; the damp atmosphere which prevails about Loxa, is favourable to the growth of that class of plants, but renders them unfit to undergo a long journey; of seventy species which I collected here, very few succeeded after their arrival in England. The thermometer at Loxa, stands generally between $60^{\circ}$ and $65^{\circ}$; the rainy season sets in in December and lasts until May, when it is followed by the "paramos," light but continued rains unaccompanied by thunder. These paramos are peculiar to the more elevated parts of the Andes, where that term is also applied to the grass lands (pajonal) above the regions of trees; they seldom pass their prescribed limits by descending into the warm vallies or down to the coast; an instance of which I observed on my arival at Loxa from El Catamayo, for in a distance of five leagues, in the former place it had been raining for several days, whilst in the latter every thing was burnt up by the continued drought. About Loxa, the lower region of the mountains, to which I made frequent visits, furnished me with Tropaolum peltophorum, Lupinus arvensis; Berberis loxensis, an Oreocallis, several species of Rubus, Hypericum, Monnina, and Alströmeria, whilst the more elevated parts were rich in Composita and Ericacea. A small tree called Ducu (Clusia Ducu Benth.) is also found in this region, exuding a yellowish transparent resin from the stem, which is used as incense.

The Wax palm (Ceroxylon andicola) occurs at an elevation of nearly 8,000 feet; the stem, which attains 60 feet in height
and from 12 to 18 inches in diameter, is in the larger specimens covered with a thin coating of a whitish, waxy substance. This when purified in hot water, becomes compact, and acquires a cream colour. It is generally mixed with a little tallow if made into candles, being of too brittle a nature to be worked by itself; it then burns with a bright flame without any smell or smoke. The quantity of wax from a full grown palm varies from 12 to 25 pounds.

In the ravine leading to the village of Saraguru, I found Brugmansia sanguinea called Guando, forming a shrub 12 feet in height; the seed-pod of this, as well as the seeds, is considered to be highly narcotic, and to cause death. In this ravine I likewise found a Walnut allied to Juglans nigra, called Tocte, several Melastomaceous and Myrtaceous shrubs, Eccremocarpus longiflorus, and a pale yellow flowering Tropaolum, the latter ascending to the tops of the highest trees. On the bluff rocks near the village, I observed Phycella chloracra, having scarlet flowers tipped with green, but from its inaccessible habitat, I could procure only a few bulbs.

After a stay of four months in Loxa, during which time I formed large collections of plants and seeds, I resumed my journey, and arrived at the town of Cuenca, which is forty leagues north of Loxa, and became my head quarters. The greater part of the road, after emerging from the ravine of Saraguru, leads over the Pa ramo (grass lands) at an elevation of from 10,000 to 11,000 feet above the level of the sea. Near the Tambo de Marivina, I found Odontoglossum pardinum, growing on trees, associated with Berberis conferta and glauca, two species of Osteomeles, a tall shrubby Lobelia with large yellow flowers, Alströmerias, a Ribes with greenish flowers and several shrubby Hypericums. Having made repeated excursions to the neighbouring mountains with no great success, I visited the warm valley called Yunguilla, where I was rewarded with the bulbs of a yellow flowering Cybister, a scarlet

Phycella, and a large rooted Gesnera, all flowering before the leaves appear.*

Towards the end of January 1842, I left Cuenca and reached Riobamba, by passing over the Paramo del Assuay, which lies at an elevation of $\mathbf{1 5 , 0 0 0}$ feet above the level of the sea. This "highway," being the only means of communication between the two towns, is justly dreaded by the natives, as the sudden hailstorms and rain, with which this desolate region is visited, make travelling at all times a hazardous undertaking. The highest point of Assuay is about 500 feet above the road, or 15,520 feet above the sea, and is consequently scarcely within the limits of perpetual snow, although repeatedly covered with it in summer, during the dry season, which is from June to October, when the snow-line in the Andes descends much lower than during the rainy season or winter. At this elevation several species of Gentiana, Culcitium rivale, Sida phyllanthos, with a large purple flower resembling a Crocus, and a small creeping Lupine were observed; in wet places a red Lycopodium, called in the Quichua language Hatun condenado (great devil) is abundant; highly medicinal properties are ascribed to this plant by the natives, who employ it for the cure of that horrible disease, Mal de San Lazaro (Elephantiasis tuberculata), which is so common in the equatorial Andes; but I could not learn that they derive any benefit from its application.

Riobamba, or Ciudad de Bolivar, as it is now called, agreeably to a late decree of the equatorial government, stands in the midst of a sandy plain almost destitute of vegetation, at an elevation of $\mathbf{9 , 4 7 2}$ feet. The majestic Chimborazo, which rises gradually out of the plain at adistance of six leagues, attaining the height of $\mathbf{2 1 , 4 4 1}$ feet above the sea, with Carguairazo a little to the north, and 'Tunguragua and Capac Urcu, called El Atar by the Spaniards, in the north east, form a magnificent mountain prospect if viewed from the

[^11]great square in Riobamba. Chimborazo, like most elevated plains in the Andes, is destitute of trees and shrubs ; the highest range of cultivation we find is, at the farm of Chuquipollo, at an elevation of 11,500 feet ; barley, potatoes, "Mayua" (Tropaolum tuberosum), "Oka" (Oxalis tuberosa), and Lucerne, form the chief objects of agriculture. Here I found Salvia macrostachya, a Castilleja, Plantago, Calceolaria ericoides, Alchemillas, a Ranunculus, a Rumex, with large leaves resembling R. Patientia, several species of Baccharis, Grasses and Ionidium parviforum. The latter is called "Cuichunchullu," (i.e. bowels of the guinea pig,) and is in repute as a remedy for the mal de San Lazaro, but from the frequency of that disorder in Riobamba, Huano, and Cuenca, where the Cuichunchullu is so easily procured, and where no complete cure of confirmed leprosy has ever been effected, it may be concluded that its virtues are greatly exaggerated.
The ascent from the farm of Chuquipollo to the snow-line, a distance of nine miles, is easily acconplished in three hours; judging from the eye, the distance seems much less than it really is, a deception arising from the brilliancy of the snow. Two or three species of grass, which leave but little chance for other plants, densely cover the ground, until at an elevation of about 15,000 feet, they gradually give way to the more interesting Alpine flora, which extends to the limits of perpetual snow. Among the plants collected here, I may mention several species of Gentiana, Valeriana, Lycopodium, Draba aretioides, Arabis andicola, a Jamiesonia, Cerastium densum, Astragalus geminifforus, several species of Lupinus, among which L. alopecuroides, was remarkable for its dense inflorescence of 2 feet in height, and an Halenia. Culcitium reflexum, nivale and rufescens, or "Fraylejon," with a woolly head and large cernuous flowers are found in abundance on the sandy tract within a few yards of the perpetual snow and at an elevation of 15,800 feet above the level of the sea.
Having made several excursions to Penipe, the lake of Colta vol. ili. ${ }^{2}$ nd series.
near the ruined town of Caxabamba and Tunguragua without finding many plants worthy of notice, I repaired to Quito, about the middle of March 1842.

The eastern declivity of Pichincha, at the foot of which the town of Quito is built, at an eleration of 9,400 feet, retains its verdure throughout the year; here Brugmansia sanguinea, a shrubby Euphorbia, Duranta triacantha, Prunus salicifolia, Clematis sericea, are employed in forming fences, whilst on uncultivated spots and by the sides of ravines we find Thibaudia acuminata, Salvia rubescens, Lamourouxia virgata, Gesnera ulmifolia, Lupinus pubescens, EEnothera sinuata, Sedum quitense, several species of Fern, Calceolaria, Solanum, Cestrum, Melastoma, Composita, and a few Grasses. The region of arborescent shrubs, which extends to an elevation of 12,000 feet, is chiefly composed of Buddlea pichinchensis, interrupta, and bullata, Barnadesia spinosa, Monnina nemorosa, Andromachia igniaria, the bark of which is used for tinder, several species of Hypericum, and Baccharis, Eupatorium glutinosum, called Matico, whose dried leaves reduced to powder are useful in stopping bleeding and healing wounds, Gaultheria pichinchensis, insipida, and purpurascens, Vaccinium Mortinia, Cremolobus peruvianus, the rich Fuchsia ampliata, with Rubus glabratus, pichinchensis, and glaucus, the latter bearing a large black fruit resembling a mulberry in flavour. Here was also a kind of Bamboo, which formed impenetrable thickets.

The region we next enter is that of the Paramo, or Pajonal, presenting to the eye an unvaried expanse of long grass, constituting the pasture of the Andes; here we find Ranunculus peruvianus, Valeriana hirtella, Andromachia acaulis, Swertia umbellata, Werneria nubigena, a dwarf shrubby Vaccinium, Gentiana sedifolia, the smallest in the Andes, the corolla of which closes immediately when taken up, Petroselinum depictum, and near the sandy crater, in addition to most of the plants observed on Chimborazo, Sida pichinchensis, Draba alyssoides, and in clefts of rocks the rare Saxifraga andicola.

Pichincha attains a height of 15,979 feet, and although repeatedly covered with snow, the latter seldom remains long. The line of perpetual congelation under the equator is fixed by Humboldt at 15,736 feet, but this limit admits of local variation, as for example on Cayambe, where a broad sheet of snow extends over a gradual descent, and is found as low as 14,200 feet; whilst on Chimborazo, where the form of the mountain is more conical, it ascends to 16,000 feet. The crater of Pichincha, which looks like an immense ravine, having an opening towards the west coast or in the opposite direction of Quito, is inaccessible on all sides, and is probably not less than a thousand feet in depth. Many centuries have elapsed since it existed in full activity, when it must have largely contributed to covering the country around with pumicestone and ashes; now, though still smouldering, its present commotions are the enfeebled efforts of age.

The western declivity of Pichincha, to which I made frequent excursions, afforded me Andromachia solidaginea, Valeriana microphylla, Viburnum pichinchense, Arracacha acuminata, Tacsonia quitensis with an oblong acidulous fruit, Rubus stipularis, Fuchsia sylvatica, sessilifora, scabriuscula, and dependens, the latter forming a large shrub, producing numerous scarlet flowers at the points of the slender branches which give it a graceful appearance, an Iochroma with large dark blue flowers two inches in length, Mutisia Clematis, Mikania corymbulosa, Miconia pichinchensis, Macleania cordifolia, having a large fleshy root, Thibaudia pichinchensis, Palicourea lineata, and in the more temperate parts towards the uninhabited woods of Esmeraldas, Centropogon calycinus, and prostratus, Begonia longirostris, Quercus Benthamiana forming a middle sized tree with wide spreading branches and large leaves which are brown underneath, the rare Fuchsia longifora, several species of Orchidacea, among which Epidendrum amethystinum, and porphyreum and Cypripedium macranthum, are the most remarkable, the latter preferring wet situa-
tions and producing large greenish brown flowers on a scape of three feet in height. The singular Ophioglossum palmatum, already known from having been received from various parts of the globe, is also found here growing on trees, but it is by no means common.

Travelling to Antisana, whose broad cone covered with perpetual snow is plainly visible from Quito, I crossed the well cultivated valley of Chillo to the farm of El Isco, which is situated at an elevation of 11,400 feet; here the cultivation of barley and potatoes is carried on with success; the plants which I observed there were Onoseris eriocephala, Senecio pimpinellifolius, and Antisana, Culcitium rosmarinifolium, Erigeron campanulatum, Liabum acaule, and in the clefts of rocks overhanging the farm-house Stenomesson Hartwegii, producing its scarlet pendulous flowers on a scape of 18 inches in height. I may here observe that bulbous plants are by no means common in the Andes, for besides the last mentioned I only found two other species on old walls in Quito, where they have been apparently planted, and Phadranassa obtusa, on the banks of the Guallabamba and in the valley of San Antonio.

Following the gradual ascent from El Isco, I arrived at the farm-house of Antisana, which is situated in a grassy plain at an elevation of 13,434 feet, and within four miles of the snow-line. This ground being extremely rich in Alpine plants, furnished me with Gentiana diffusa, and rupicola, Ranunculus nubigenus, pramorsus, and sibbaldioides, Castilleja nubigena. Euphrasia stricta, Liabum erigeroides, Bowlesia acutangula, Werneria densa, Aster rupestris, Culcitium ascendens, and hyoseridis, Eryngium humile, Valeriana plantaginea, Baccharis humifusa, thyoides, and alpina, Ribes frigidum, and two species of Urtica, together with Chuquiraga lancifolia, with showy heads of yellow flowers, which is the only shrub that supplies the herdsmen of the estate with fuel. On the eastern slope of Antisana, near the swampy outlet of the Lake of Mica, I observed Gentiana limoselloides, Plantago nivalis, Vaccinium empetrifolium, and penaoides, Lysipoma montioides, Liabum erige-
roides, Azorella aretioides, Werneria disticha, Potentilla andicola, Alchemilla nivalis, and a moss-like plant supposed to be a species of Sisyrinchium, forming large tufts several feet square, and rising from one to two feet above the surface of the soil ; these masses are so compact that with great difficulty I succeeded in separating a piece.

The proper season for travelling having arrived, I became desirous to resume my journey northwards, I accordingly despatched the collections made about Quito to Guayaquil, and set out on the 21st of July for Popayan, where I arrived on the 17th of August, after a painful journey of twenty-six days.

The town of Popayan being situated in the valley of the river Cauca, at an elevation of 5,900 feet, enjoys a mild climate, the thermometer ranging between $65^{\circ}$ and $70^{\circ}$ throughout the year; most European fruits are cultivated here by the side of Cherimoyers, Coffee, Sugarcane, Pine-apples, Granadillas, and several kinds of Plantain; among the latter I observed one called Pacifico or Otahete, esteemed for its fruit, which for size and flavour is between Musa sapientum and paradisiaca; it is of recent introduction, and judging from the name has been brought from some of the islands in the Pacific Ocean.

The Central Cordillera at the foot of which the town of Popayan is built, and which is scarcely ever less than 10,000 feet in height, attains its greatest elevation in the peaks of Puracé, and a little more to the south in Zotara ; they are both considerably above the snow-line. The slopes of these mountains and the mountain-pass of the Paramo de Guanacas, which connects the valley of the Cauca with that of the Magdalena, afforded me ample occupation. Here I found Myrica mollis, Psidium sericiflorum, Eugenia Guayavilla, Meriania majalis, called Flor de Mayo, being a beautiful shrub with large purple flowers, Palicourea popayanensis, Escallonia caracasana, Cinchona pubescens or "Palo requeson," a tree from 20 to 30 feet in height producing sweet scented
flowers, Loranthus catacarpus, Cerasus opaca, Quercus Humboldtiana, forming a large forest tree, and occupying a range from 7,000 to 8,000 feet, Gaultheria anastomosans, Siphocampylus cordifolius, lanatus, and Columne, Befaria phillyreafolia, an evergreen shrub of striking beauty, producing rose-coloured flowers in abundance at the points of the shoots; in the more elevated parts, Fuchsia canescens, and corollata, Macleania pubiflora, Thibaudia hirtiflora, and parvifolia, Ribes leptostachyum, Linochilus floribundus, Ceratostemma rigidum, Vaccinium densiflorum, and acuminatum, Espeletia grandiflora, Lobelia rupestris, and andina, Myrtus oxycoccoides, Valeriana bracteata and Apium glaucescens. The Cinchona woods of Pitayo, which are famous on account of the bark they produce, lie about forty miles N.E. of Popayan in the Central Cordillera, at an elevation of 8,000 feet; the species which abounds there is Cinchona lanceolata, called "Red bark," a tree between 40 and 50 feet in height, the bark of this, is however, considered inferior to the " Orange bark," the produce of Lisyanthus densiflorus which is a shrub with large shining leaves and yellow flowers, belonging to the natural order Gentianacea. Here I collected Mikania rufa, Coffea marginata, the large scarlet flowering Mutisia grandiflora, Begonia trachyptera, Spigelia pedunculata, the leaves of which prove fatal to dogs, Viscum clavatum, and squamigerum, Clethra bicolor, Gaultheria cordifolia, Thibaudia pubescens, and pendula, Vaccinium epacridifolium, and several minute Orchidacea.

The western Cordillera seldom attains more than 9,000 feet of an elevation and terminates abruptly towards the coast, presenting a boundless uninhabited forest. The principal objects derived from this expedition were four species of Palms, among which was the "Chontadura," having a slender prickly stem between 40 and 60 feet in height, with a raceme of flowers eighteen inches in length, and producing from 150 to 200 yellow nuts about the size of a large green walnut. The thick rind surrounding the seed of these,
when boiled resembles in flavour a Spanish Chesnut ; in boiling, the rind yields an oil which may be used for culinary purposes or for burning.

Towards the middle of December after packing up what I had collected about Popayan, I proceeded with my collections to Bogota. Passing over the Central Cordillera by the Paramo de Guanacas, I entered the valley of the Upper Magdalena river at the village of La Plata, and following the arid banks of that river I arrived on the 1st of January 1843, in Bogota, after a fatiguing journey of twenty-days. The sudden change of temperature from the warm valley of the Magdalena to the cold table-land of Bogota, was probably the cause of my contracting a fever and ague, from which I suffered during the month of January, and which prevented me from following my occupation during that time.

The town of Bogota being built at the foot of the western Cordillera, at an elevation of nearly 9,000 feet enjoys a mean temperature of $56^{\circ}$ and notwithstanding the swampy plain in front, through which the river Bogota slowly winds, the town is considered healthy.
The aspect of the vegetation round Bogota is at first glance anything but encouraging for a botanical collector; upon a closer inspection, however, I found that the apparently barren mountains were covered with some very interesting plants, and particularly the ravine which descends the Cordillera, and whose clear stream supplies the town with water ; here I found Gaultheria ramosissima, and conferta, Gaylussacia buxifolia, Chatogastra microphylla, with small yellow flowers, Spirea argentea, Thibaudia floribunda, with a large fleshy root, Fuchsia petiolaris, an Oncidium with yellow flowers supported on a stem three feet in height, and a half-climbing Begonia with large scarlet flowers adorning the rocks with gay colours. Following the steep ascent to the Paramo, I observed Linochilus rosmarinifolius, Palicourea vaginata, Eupatorium amplum, vacciniafolium, and latipes, Drymis granatensis, called
"Palo de aji," or pepperwood, in allusion to its sharp pungent bark, which tastes like a Capsicum, Berberis glauca, Gentiana corymbosa, and Swertia plantaginea.

Crossing the plain of Bogota to the south west and passing the Paramo de San Fortunato, where I found Cestrum buxifolium, Siphocampylus asper, Baccharis microphylla, Lupinus bogotensis and the shrubby $L$. interruptus, I descended to the more temperate regions towards Fusagasuga and Pandi; here among Aracea and Piperacea, I found Fuchsia verrucosa, a dwarf shrub with small scarlet flowers, $\boldsymbol{F}$. hirtella, whose slender half-climbing stems elevate themselves to the height of 25 feet, seeking support from other shrubs, Siphocampylus hispidus, Centropogon oblongus, Calycophyllum coccineum, a shrub with large scarlet bracts, Cinchona nitida, a middle sized tree with a panicle of white sweet scented flowers resembling a Lilac, Ficus prinoides, or India rubber-tree, Vernonia rubricaulis, Stevia compacta, several species of Ferns and some Orchidacea, amongst which were the tallgrowing Cyrtopodium punctatum, and the large crimson flowering Cattleya maxima.

On my journey to Zypaguira (celebrated for its inexhaustible salt-mine), and from thence to Pacho, I observed Symplocos Alstonia, Alnus fervuginea, Tagetes zypaguirensis, Castilleja fissifolia, Viburnum triphyllum, and molle, several Melastomacea, and Orchidacea, among which were an Oncidium with a twining flower stem, and Odontoglossum crispum, having a spike two and a half feet in length, and producing from 20 to 27 large white flowers, with a pinkish hue on the outside of the sepals, and orange spots on the lip.

Having here received instructions to return to Europe with my collections, I left Bogota about the middle of April for Honda, where 1 was to embark in the Magdalena. A few days' delay at Guadias, occasioned by the difficulty of procuring fresh mules, afforder me an opportunity of examining the flora; here I pro-

cured Rondeletia brevipes, reflexa, eriantha, Mikania leiostachya, and caudata, Daphne cestrifolia, with yellow berries which are poisonous to cattle, Spigelia hamelioides, and Brownea, the latter forming a tree with large heads of crimson flowers which develop themselves for several weeks in succession. Ascending the wooded heights in the East, I found in a forest of the Wax Palm, (Ceroxylon andicola, Gustavia speciosa, Caliphruria Hartwegiana a bulbous plant with white flowers, Peristeria elata and Achimenes picta, which is another valuable addition to that interesting genus. In its native habitat this Achimenes prefers dry rocky ground, in places not much shaded, where it scarcely attains more than five inches in height, seldom producing above two or three of its finely mottled bright orange flowers upon a stem. The accompanying figure was taken from one of the first specimens that flowered in the garden of the Horticultural Society.
Soon after my arrival in Honda, having readily procured a boat capable of holding my collections, I embarked on the Magdalena for Barranca, and crossed from thence by land to Carthagena. The rapid descent on the Magdalena afforded me but little opportunity of examining its wooded banks, for the boatmen being hired to convey me to my place of destination, it was their interest to make the journey with as little delay as possible.

Finally leaving the mainland about the middle of May for Jamaica, where, during some days delay, I added a few things from the Port Royal mountains to my collection, I embarked for London on the 3rd of June, and arrived safely on the 24th of July 1843, after an absence of six years and ten months.
The following is a list of the plants, as far as their names can at present be ascertained, that have been introduced from Co lumbia :


> Canna glauca Catasetum latilabre - ochraceum

Caliphruria Hartwegiana
Cattleya maxima
Ceratostemma Salapa

- lanceolatum

Ceroxylon andicola
Cereus sepium
Conium Arracacha
Cyrtopodium punctatum
Epidendrum ceratistes
Gesnera Lindleyana vistita
Habrothamnus cyaneus
Helcia sanguinolenta
Ipomæa codonantha
Liparis elata
Lupinus bogotensis

- arvensis
- interruptus
- pubescens
- ramosissimus
- semperflorens
- Tauris

Lycaste lanipes
Maxillaria bractescens

- scabrilinguis

Musa (Pacifico)
Odontoglossum crispum
Oncidium rupestre
Peristeria elata
Phædranassa chloracra - obtusa

Pilumna laxa
Rubus glaucus
Stanhopea Bucephalus
Stenomesson aurantiacum
Hartwegii
Tacsonia manicata

- mollissima

Thibaudia floribunda.
From Jamaica :
Aristolochia grandiflora Bletia hyacinthina
Calanthe veratrifolia
Crinum Commelini
Epidendrum fuscatum
Garrya Macfadyenii
Hymenocallis Barringtoniæ
Oncidium luridum.

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JANUARY.


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## FEBRUARY.



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| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pays | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
|  | 46504542 | 26 | 56 | 23 | NW |  | . 02 | The mean temperature was about the average. The barometer averaged a little higher than usual ; and the quantity of |
|  |  | 40 | 51 | 37 | W |  |  | meter averaged a little higher than usual ; and the quantity of rain was somewhat less. South winds were prevalent. It is |
|  |  | 37 | 50 | 30 | NW | Ditto <br> Ditto |  |  |
|  |  | 30 | 45 | 27 | E | Ditto Ditto |  | markable instance of the contrary occurred in the period be- |
|  | ${ }_{38}^{42}$ | 27 26 | 43 | 22 23 |  | Ditto | .06. |  |
|  | 40 | 31 | 41 | 30 | - | Ditto |  | very high, with the wind from south and south-west. It was even brisk from south on the 1 ith and two following days. |
|  | 46 | 28 | 50 | 25 |  | Ditto | . 06 |  |
|  | 51 | 43 | 62 | 40 | S | Ditto |  |  |
|  | 52 | 45 | 52 | 41 |  | Ditto |  | Men Pressure from the 3 dily observations 29.942 inches. |
|  | 54 | 30 | 57 | 26 |  | Ditto | . 04 | - Temperature ......... Ditto ...... $4^{11^{\circ} .76}$ <br> ——Dew Point . . . . . . . . . . Ditto . . . . . . $40^{\circ} .69$ <br> —— Degree of Dryness . . . . Ditto . . . . . . $1^{10.07}$ |
|  | 52 | 28 | 53 | 26 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 54 | 38 40 | 62 60 | 33 <br> 38 | SW | Little |  |  |
|  | 53 | 33 | 56 | 32 | - | Ditto | . 02 | $\qquad$ Force of Vapour .... Ditto ....... . . 288 inch. <br> Least observed degree of Moisture ....... .710 |
|  | 49 | 25 | 49 | 21 | S | Ditto |  |  |
|  | 47 | 24 | 48 | 20 | NW | Ditto |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto ....... $23^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$. |
|  | 40 | 31 | 49 | 25 25 | SW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the $\begin{aligned} & \text { Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ......... } 18^{\circ} .\end{aligned}$ <br> Mean Temperature of External Air ...... $40^{\circ} .03$ |
|  | 48 | 27 | 48 | 23 |  | Brisk | . 16 |  |
|  | 50 | 34 | 52 | 31 | S | Little |  |  |
|  | 47 | 33 | 56 47 | 38 |  | Brisk |  | Winds. |
|  | 45 | 23 | 59 | 18 | W | Brisk <br> Ditto <br> Strong <br> Brisk | . 11 | North ...... oday ${ }^{\text {N. East..... . } 0 \text { days }}$ |
|  | 4 | 30 36 | 65 | 28 |  |  | . 07 | South ........12.. S. East....... ${ }^{\text {.. }}$ |
|  | 51 | 42 | 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | S |  | . 33 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 28 days. |
|  | 47.71 | 32.96 | 51.78 | 29.71 |  |  | 1.32 | Amount of Rain.. |

## MARCH.



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| Temperature |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 51 | 34 | 53 | 30 | W | Little | . 02 | About half an inch above the usual quantity of rain fell in |
| 2 | 52 | 49 | 52 | 48 | SW | Brisk | .41 | this month, but the dryness of the air in intervals was conside- |
| 3 | 57 | 41 | 60 | 38 | W | Ditto | . 11 | rable. West and south-west winds were prevalent; and the |
| 4 | 48 | 29 | 65 | 26 | W | Little |  | mean temperature was in consequence $2^{\circ}$ above the average. |
| 6 | 54 | 27 | 75 | 21 |  | Ditto |  | At the end of the month, vegetation was in a very forward state; the common Hawthorn was then in leaf, a fortnight |
| 6 | 54 54 | 26 | 59 | 22 43 | SE | Ditto | . 02 | earlier than usual, and a month earlier than in some late |
| 8 | 57 | 35 | 78 | 32 | SW | Little | .17 | seasons. d |
| 9 | 48 | 37 | 62 | 35 |  | Brisk | . 47 | The 2nd was stormy and wet, with south-west wind, the |
| 10 | 47 | 31 | 62 | 24 | NW | Ditto | . 01 | latter maintaining the temperature at night to within $3^{\circ}$ of its |
| 11 | 50 | 27 | 57 | 24 | S | Ditto |  | maximum through the day. The 9th was stormy with hail |
| 12 | 58 | 40 | 72 | 36 | SW | Little | . 06 | showers, followed by very heavy rain, the wind increasing to a hurricane at night. |
| 13 | 57 | 37 | 74 | 32 | W | Brisk |  |  |
|  | - 49 | 45 | 62 | 44 | S | Little | . 02 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.821 inches. |
| 16 | 56 | 44 | 58 | 42 | - | Ditto |  | - Dew Point . . . . . . . . . . . . Ditto ........ $43^{\circ} 3^{\circ} 98$ |
| 17 | 56 | 43 | 61 | 39 |  | Ditto | . 05 | - Degree of Dryness ... Ditto ...... $\mathrm{2}^{0} .31$ |
|  | 52 | 35 | 55 | 32 | W | Brisk |  | - Degree of Moisture . . Ditto ...... . 921 |
| 19 20 | 46 | 40 | 50 | 37 | SW | Strong |  | - Force of Vapour ..... Ditto ...... . 327 inch. |
|  | 48 | 38 | 55 | 34 | NW | Brisk | . 10 | Least observed degree of Moisture ..... ${ }^{\text {. } 636}$ |
| 22 | 48 | 34 | 64 | 30 | N | Ditto | . 08 | Maximum Temperature in the Shade . . . $60^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 23 | 46 | 38 28 | 5 | 25 23 |  | Ditto Ditto | . 08 | Minimum Temperature in ditto ........ ${ }^{26} 6^{\circ}$. |
| 24 | 46 | 34 | 63 | 31 | W | Little |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... $211^{\circ}$. |
| 25 26 26 | 54 | 36 | 63 | 32 |  | Brisk | . 07 | Mean Temperature of External Air .... $44^{\circ} \cdot 9^{8}$ |
| 27 | 50 | 29 | 69 | 25 | NW | Ditto | . 01 | Winds. |
| 28 | 52 60 | 41 | 60 | 40 | W | Ditto | . 02 | North ...... 3 days ${ }^{\text {N. East...... } \text { o days }}$ |
| 29 | 59 | 47 | 70 65 | 46 |  | Ditto |  | South ...... 3 .. S. East...... 1 .. |
| 30 31 | 59 56 | 42 | 65 | 40 | SW | Brisk | . 05 |  |
| 31 | 56 | 43 | 56 | 39 |  | Strong | .13 |  |
|  | 52.48 | $37 \cdot 48$ | 61.03 | 34.29 |  |  | 1.81 | Amount of Rain. ............... 1.81 inch. |

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APRIL.


## APRIL.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deng. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
|  |  |  |  | 28 | N | Little | . 02 | This was a very dry month; in fact the driest of any for the last sixteen years at least. A small quantity of rain fell on the |
| 2 | 47 | 31 | 6 | 27 |  | Brisk | . 02 | 13 th, and only slight depositions on four other days. With the |
| 3 | 47 | 35 | 55 | 32 |  | Ditto |  | exception of one day, the wind was either from north, or from |
| 4 | 47 | 27 | 50 | 20 | NE | Ditto |  | easterly points throughout the whole of the month. The heat |
| 5 | 50 | 23 | 74 | 17 |  | Little |  | of the sun's rays was considerable; but their effert wationed. |
| 7 | 54 58 | 37 <br> 35 | 60 | 32 30 |  | Brisk |  | Sharp frosts occurred on the nights of the 4th, 5 th, $8 \mathrm{th}, 19^{\text {th }}$, |
| 8 | 58 | 27 | 80 | 21 | E | Ditto |  | and even so late as the 27 th. These, with the dry cold winds, |
| 9 | 57 | 34 | 70 | 27 | - | Ditto |  | were unfavourable to vegetation, especially as the latter was |
| 10 | 46 | 29 | 52 | 25 | - | Ditto |  | rendered susceptible from having been previously far ${ }^{\text {a }}$, |
| 112 | 49 | 34 | 52 | 30 | NE | Little | . 01 | The 16th was very clear, with Aurora Borealis at mig. |
| 13 | 47 | 36 | 48 | 29 34 | NE | Ditto | . 08 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 30.022 inches. |
| 14 | 52 | 39 | 55 | 36 | - | Ditto | . 01 |  |
| $1 \begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 16\end{aligned}$ | 51 | 36 | 60 | 32 |  | Ditto |  | - Dew Point Dryness .... Ditto ...... $6^{\circ} \cdot 47$ |
| 17 | 51 | 31 41 | 60 60 | 25 40 |  | Ditto |  | -_ Degree of Moisture . . Ditto ...... . 784 |
| 18 | 47 | 40 | 58 | 38 | - | Little |  | - Force of Vapour. .... Ditto ...... .284 inch. |
| 19 20 | 63 | 26 | 69 | 20 | E | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture ....... $75^{.441}$ |
| 21 | 64 | 33 | 70 | 27 | E | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in ditto ........ $23^{\circ}$. |
| 22 | 66 | 43 36 | 65 | 39 | NE | Ditt |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $98^{\circ}$. |
| ${ }^{2} 3$ | 75 | 37 | 85 | 32 | NW | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... $17^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 24 | 75 | 37 | 80 | 39 | SE | Ditto | . 1 | Mean Temperature of External Air . |
| 25 | 73 66 | 42 | 98 | 37 | E | Ditto |  | Winds. |
| 27 | 63 | 39 31 | 90 80 | 34 26 |  | Brisk |  | North..... 3 days N. East....... 13 <br> S. East....... 2 days |
| 28 29 | 72 | 35 | 93 | 31 | SE | Little |  | East........11 ... N. West..... I |
| 30 | 71 <br> 74 | $\begin{array}{r}43 \\ 41 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}75 \\ 81 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39 \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | E | Ditto Brisk |  | West........ $\circ .$. |
|  | 57.70 | 34.86 | 67.06 | 30.46 |  |  | 0.15 | Amount of Rain. ..................... 0.15 inc |

## MAY.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1842. | 宫 Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weathes. |
| S. | 129.933 | 58 | 49 | 9 | Clear and dry | 29.939 | 68 | 36 | 32 | Clear, very dry Ditto | 30.007 | 50 | 50 | 5 | Clear \& fine Ditto |
| d M. | 230.022 | 55 | 45 | 10 | Ditto | -.962 | 65 | 34 | 31 |  | 29.990 | 45 | 40 | 5 | Cloudy, rain |
| W. | 329.967 | 49 | 44 |  | Very Fine | -. 888 | 67 | 45 | 22 | Fine | -. 854 | 53 | 53 | - | Clear \& fine |
| W. | $4-.907$ | 53 | 50 | 3 | Light clouds | -. 902 | 61 | 39 | 22 | Ditto | -.892 | 48 | 48 | - | Heavy rain |
| Th. | $5-.886$ | 55 | 50 | 5 | Ditto | -. 777 | 62 | 57 | 5 | Cloudy | -. 530 | 52 | 52 | - | Cloudy, fine |
| F. | $6-423$ | 53 | 53 |  | Fine | -. 376 | 58 | 58 | - | Showery | -. 410 | 50 | 50 | - | Stormy shower |
| S. | $7-.322$ $8-.382$ | 51 | 51 | - | Rain | -. 258 | 60 | 60 | - | Ditto | 6 | 49 | 49 | - | Clear |
| M. | $8-.382$ $9-.892$ | 55 | 52 | 3 | Cloudy | -. 516 | 49 | 49 | - | Ditto stormy | -30.084 | 57 | 45 | - | Cloudy |
| T. | 1030.172 | 4.9 | 49 | - | Clear | -. 968 | 48 | 48 | 19 | Very Fine | -. 068 | 42 | 42 | - | Clear |
| W. | 1129.966 | 58 | 50 | 8 | Fine | 29.905 | 63 | 40 | 23 | Ditto | 29.842 | 50 | 50 | - | Cloudy |
| Th. | $12-.920$ | 47 | 47 | - | Rain | $-.951$ | 49 | 49 | - | Drizzly | $-.984$ | 49 | 49 | - | Ditto |
| F. | 1330.033 | 53 | 50 | 3 | Slight haze | 30.043 | 64 | 46 | 18 | Very Fine | 30.078 | 52 | 52 | - | Fine |
| S. | $14-.138$ | 52 | 52 | - | Ditto | -. 170 | 66 | 52 | 14 | Ditto | -. 230 | 54 | 54 | - | Clear |
| S. | $15-350$ | 55 | 32 | 3 | Ditto and Fine | -.341 | 68 | 54 | 14 | Ditto | -.387 | 49 | 49 |  | Ditto |
| M. | $16-390$ | 59 | 53 | 6 | Very Fine | -. 358 | 70 | 55 | 25 | Ditto | -. 307 | 49 | 49 | - | Ditto |
| D T . | 17 -. 278 | 52 | 52 | - | Overcast | -. 239 | 62 | 52 | 10 | Ditto | -. 139 | 49 | 49 |  | Ditto |
| W. | $18-.046$ | 52 | 52 | - | Ditto | -. 000 | 59 | 54 | 5 | Do. Overcast | 29.911 | 53 | 53 |  |  |
| Th. | 1929.807 | 55 | 52 | 3 | Cloudy \& Fine | 29.748 | 62 | 55 | 7 | Densely overcast | -. 711 | 45 | 45 |  |  |
| F. | $20-647$ | 55 | 52 | 3 | Densely clouded | -. 646 | 59 | 50 | 9 | Cloudy | -. 658 | 52 | 52 |  |  |
| S. | $21-.676$ | 61 | 55 | 6 | Cloudy \& Fine | -. 692 | 66 | 50 | 16 | Do. \& Fine | -. 724 | 51 | 51 |  | Slight Rain |
| S. | $22-.748$ | 58 | 55 | 3 | Ditto | -. 674 | 61 | 56 | 5 | Ditto | -. 727 | 52 | 52 | - | Cloudy |
| T. | $23-.785$ | 59 | 50 | 9 | Ditto | -.812 | 65 | 44 | 21 | Ditto | -. 857 | 49 | 41 | 8 | Cloudy |
| $\bigcirc \mathrm{T}$. | $24-838$ | 54 | 54 | - | Rain | -.825 | 60 | 60 | - | Rain | -. 790 | 48 | 48 |  |  |
| W. | $25-.847$ | 56 | 56 | - | Ditto | -. 854 | 60 | 58 | 2 | Cloudy | -. 845 | 52 | 50 | 2 | Clear |
| Th. | $26-.767$ | 56 | 56 | - | Ditto | $-.772$ | 62 | 60 | 2 | Ditto | -.823 | 52 | 52 |  |  |
| P。 | $27-.929$ | 57 | 56 | 1 | Cloudy \& Fine | $-.937$ | 67 | 57 | 10 | Do. \& Fine | -.911 | 59 | 59 | - |  |
| S. | $28-.988$ | 57 | 57 | - | Overcast | 30.018 | 64 | 45 | 19 | Very Fine | 30.066 | 53 | 53 |  | Ditto |
| S. | 29.30 .124 | 62 | 55 | 7 | Clear \& Fine | -. 046 | 70 | 48 | 22 | Clear \& Do. | 29.991 | 60 | 56 | 4 | Ditto |
| 1. | 30.118 | 60 | 50 | 10 | Ditto | 30.126 | 70 | 44 | 26 | Fine | -. 155 | 56 | 56 |  |  |
|  | 29.911 | 55.16 | 1.51 | 3.64 |  | 29.898 | 62.38 | 49.67 | 12.71 |  | 29.900 | 50.93 | 50.12 | 0.81 |  |

MAY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dayd | Max | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 <br> 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 5 <br> 5 <br> 6 <br> 7 <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 9 <br> 10 <br> 10 <br> 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 13 <br> 14 <br> 15 <br> 16 <br> 16 <br> 17 <br> 18 <br> 19 <br> 19 <br> 20 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 23 <br> 24 <br> 24 <br> 25 <br> 25 <br> 27 <br> 27 <br> 28 <br> 29 <br> 30 <br> 30 <br> 13 | 73 | 44 | 80 | 40 | W | Brisk |  |  |
|  |  | 30 | 73 | 24 | NE | Ditto |  | This month was more favourable than the preceding for |
|  |  | 46 | 81 | 42 | NW | Little | . 02 | vegetation, with the exception of a frost on the night of the |
|  | 65 63 | 33 46 | 74 75 | 25 43 | $\stackrel{\mathrm{N}}{\mathrm{S}}$ | Ditto | .16 | 2nd. This frost aftected the late blossoming kinds of fruit |
|  | 60 | 47 | 66 | 4 | W | Ditto | 12 | trees to some injurious extent, the young frat, wher wanted; |
|  | 63 | 46 | 67 | 43 | sw | Strong | . 22 | and a moderate supply fell in the course of the month. The |
|  | 63 | 41 | 71 | 38 | W | Brisk | 20 | mean temperature was about $1 \frac{\mathrm{l}}{\text { deg }} \mathrm{del}$ below the average. On |
|  | 60 | 32 | 70 | 26 | N | Ditto | . 10 | the ist and 2nd the air was clear and excessively dry. |
|  | 64 | 35 | 75 | 29 | NW | Little |  |  |
|  | 65 | 44 | 76 | 40 | S | Brisk | . 26 |  |
|  | 51 | 37 | 52 | 31 | N | Little | . 02 |  |
|  | 72 | 36 38 | 80 | 29 36 | W | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.903 inches |
|  | 67 | 36 | 73 | 31 | NE | Ditto |  | - Temperature . . ............. Ditto... $5^{56.15}$ |
|  | 68 | 42 | 74 | 37 |  | Ditto |  | - Degree of Dryness. ......... Ditto... $5^{0} .72$ |
|  | 69 | 40 | 76 | 34 |  | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture . . . . . . . Ditto... ${ }^{\text {- }} 896$ Dith |
|  | 65 | 36 | 78 | 29 | SW | Ditto | . 04 | - Force of Vapour ........ Ditto... 40707 inch. |
|  | ${ }_{6}{ }_{1}$ | 49 | 73 | 45 | - | Brisk |  | Least observed degree of Moisture . . . . . . . . $73^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | 65 | 41 | 68 | 38 | S | Little |  | Maximum Temperature in ditto ........... $3^{0} 0^{\circ}$. |
|  | 64 | 43 | 73 | 36 |  | Brisk | . 01 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $84^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$. |
|  | 65 | 40 | 74 | 36 | SW | Ditto | 20 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation . . . . . . . ${ }^{24} 4^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$. |
|  | 63 | 48 | 71 | 46 |  | Brisk | .23 | Mean Temperature of External Air ....... 53.73 |
|  | 68 | 47 | 72 | 42 |  | Ditto | . 01 | Winds. ${ }^{\text {days }}$ |
|  | 70 | 51 | 75 | 49 | S | Little | $\cdot 13$ | North...... 3 days N. East.... 5 days |
|  | 71 | 46 | 80 80 | 34 41 | W | Ditto |  |  |
|  | 73 | 46 | 83 | 41 41 | W | Ditto |  | West....... 6 .. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ S. West.... 6 .. |
|  | 73 | 41 | 84 | 38 | NW | Ditto |  |  |
|  | 65.97 | 41.52 | 72.51 | 36.77 |  |  | 1.73 | Amount of Rain ....................1. 73 inch. |

## JUNE．

| Morning． |  |  |  |  |  | Noon． |  |  |  |  | Night． |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1842． | Barom． | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weather． | Barom． | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weather | Barom． | Hygrometer． |  |  | Westber． |
| ${ }^{\text {c }}$ W． | 30.211 -.169 | 65 68 | 53 | 6 | Very Fine | 30.171 | 74 | 52 | 22 | Fine | 30.125 | 60 | 55 | 5 | Cloudy |
| F． | －． 296 | 62 | 4 | 6 | Overcast | $-.216$ | 71 | 53 | 18 | Very Fine | －． 265 | 54 | 51 | 3 | Clear \＆Fine |
| S． | －．112 | 63 | 5 | 10 | Ditto | 218 | 74 | 5 | 24 | Ditto ${ }^{\text {dry }}$ | －． 60 | 58 | 53 | 5 | Ditto |
| S． | 29.953 | 70 | 54 | 16 | Fine，lt．clouds | 29.905 | 81 | 53 | 28 | Ditto | － | 60 | 59 | 1 | Cloudy |
| M． | －．915 | 68 | 63 | 5 | Do．dry haze | －．945 | 78 | 55 | 23 | Ditto | 30.038 | 60 | 58 | 2 | Ditto |
| W． | 730.167 | 66 | 59 | 7 | Fine | 30.163 | 73 | 53 | 20 | Ditto | －．217 | 61 | 61 | － | Clear \＆Fine |
| W． | 8 －． 244 | 69 | 63 | 6 | Ditto | －． 204 | 80 | 65 | 15 | Ditto | －． 221 | 62 | 62 | － | Ditto |
| Th．${ }_{\text {F }}$ | 9 －． 218 | 64 | 55 | 9 | Ditto | －． 165 | 75 | 61 | 14 | Ditto | －． 103 | 64 | 60 | 4 | Ditto |
| F． 10 | － | 67 | 57 | 10 | Clear | －． 064 | 79 | 55 | 24 | Ditto | －． 083 | 65 | 61 | 4 | Ditto |
| S．${ }_{\text {S }} 11$ | 1 2 2 | 69 | 64 | 5 | Very Fine | －． 150 | 85 | 70 | 15 | Ditto | －． 180 | 65 | 65 | － | Ditto |
| M．${ }^{3}$ | 3 －． 293 | 66 | 6 | 4 | Ditto | － 244 | 85 81 | 60 | 25 | Ditto | －． 256 | 67 | 62 | 5 | Cloudy |
| T． 1 | －． 094 | 71 | 65 | 6 | Hot \＆dry | －．．028 | 85 | 65 | 20 | Ditto | －．153 | 67 | 64 | 3 | Do．very fine |
| ${ }^{\text {D W W．W．}} 15$ | $5-.039$ | 64 | 58 | 6 | Fine | －． 048 | 75 | 57 | 18 | Fine，light clouds | 29.989 | 67 | 63 | 4 | Ditto |
| F． 17 | 629.989 | 65 | 56 | 9 | Ditto | 29.995 | 71 | 57 | 14 | Overcast | －．992 | 63 | 60 | 3 | Ditto |
| F． 18 | 730.062 | 68 | 54 | 14 | Eine，but dry | 30.058 | 67 | 55 | 12 | Ditto | 30.084 | 58 | 55 | 3 | Ditto |
| S． 18 | 8－29．041 | 64 | 51 | 13 | Slightly Over－ | 29.971 | 63 | 63 | － | Heavy showers | 29.888 | 57 | 57 |  | Showers |
| M． 20 | －．734 | 65 | 65 | － | Cloudy | －． 688 | 68 | 68 | － | Cloudy | －．691 | 57 | 57 | － | Ditts |
| $\bigcirc{ }^{\text {T．}}$ W． 21 | －． 640 | 67 | 65 | 2 | Ditto | －．665 | 72 | 78 | 4 | Ditto \＆Fine | $\begin{aligned} & -.682 \\ & -.670 \end{aligned}$ | 57 | 57 | 二 | Ditto |
| O Th． 22 | ． 767 | 65 | 57 | 8 | Very Fine | －． 725 | 71 | 50 | 21 | Cloudy | $-.737$ | 56 | 56 | － | Cloudy |
| F． 2 | －．823 | 61 | 55 | 6 | Ditto | －．820 | 71 | 48 | 23 | Very Fine | －．767 | 59 | 59 | 二 | Overcast |
| S． 25 | －． 806 | 62 62 | 62 | － | Slight rain | －． 654 | 73 | 67 | 6 | Cloudy，Ditto | －． 420 | 59 | 59 | 二 | Ditto |
| S． 22 | －6．674 | 61 | 56 | 5 | Fine | －．753 | 70 | 66 | 4 | Cloudy，windy | －． 585 | 60 | 55 | 12 | Clear \＆dry |
| T．${ }^{28}$ | 30.143 | 62 | 52 | 10 | Clear | 30．197 | 70 | 47 | 23 | Fine | 30.213 | 58 | 53 | 5 | Clear，Fine |
| W． 29 | 274 | 65 | 56 | 9 | Ditto | －． 201 | 76 | 56 | 20 | Ditto | －．128 | 65 | 60 | 5 | Ditto |
| （ Th． 30 | －29．933 | 68 66 | 66 | － | Fine Slight rain | －． 044 | 76 | 54 | 22 | Hot \＆Dry | 29.989 | $67$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62 \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ | 5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ditto } \\ & \text { Rain } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | Slight rain | 29.871 | 71 | 71 | － | Overcast | －．791 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 30.013 | 65.47 | 58.44 | 7.03 |  | 29.993 | 74.43 | 58.10 | 16.33 |  | 29.970 | 61.16 | 58.66 | 2.50 |  |

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## JUNE.



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JULY.


## JULY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Daya | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 12234567889101112131415161718192021222324252526272829293031 | 70 | 50 | 86 | 47 | W | Little | . 05 | It was remarked that in the preceding month the mean tempe- |
|  | 69 | 46 | 86 | 42 | - | Brisk |  | rature was so much higher than usual, that it more than equalled |
|  | 75 | 55 | 89 | 54 | SW | Little | . 01 | the average of July. In the present month the temperature, on |
|  | 76 | 59 | 91 | 56 | SW | Brisk |  | the contrary, was so much lower than usual as to correspond |
|  | 70 | 46 | 90 | 42 | W | Ditto | . 11 | with the usual mean of June. The amount of rain was nearly |
|  | 72 | 40 | go | 33 |  | Little |  | an inch below the average. |
|  | 62 | 50 | 70 | 47 | S | Ditto | . 09 | The 4th was boisterous at night; the 20th was showery, with |
|  | 66 | 48 | 90 | 46 | SW | Brisk | .43 | lightning at night. Lightning and rain occurred likewise on the |
|  | 72 | 49 | 91 | 46 | W | Ditto | . 03 | night of the 27 th. Early on the morning of the 28th, there was |
|  | 73 78 | 50 53 | 92 95 | 47 50 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | much thunder, lightning and rain ; the storm became most violent |
|  | 75 | 49 | 100 | 46 |  | Ditto |  | between 5 and 6 A.m. |
|  | 73 | 48 | 100 | 44 | W | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.941 inches. |
|  | 76 | 45 | 100 | 42 | W | Ditto |  | - Temperature . . . . . . .Ditto. . . . . $623^{\circ} \cdot 93$ |
|  | 74 | 46 | 90 | 41 | NE | Little |  | -_ Dew Point . . . . . . . . . Ditto. . . . . . $57^{\circ} \cdot 57$ |
|  | 75 | 55 | 99 | 51 | E | Bris |  | _- Degree of Dryness . . . . Ditto. . . . . . 5 $5^{\circ} .36$ |
|  | 81 | 57 | 105 106 | 48 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | -- Degree of Moisture. . . Ditto....... 848 . 818 inch. |
|  | 73 | 52 | 105 | 50 | SE | Little | . 01 | - Force of Vapour . . . . . Ditto. . . . . . . 518 |
|  | 73 | 50 | 90 | 49 | S | Ditto | .12 | Least observed degree of Moisture. . . . . . . . $84^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\text {. }}$ |
|  | 65 | 47 | 73 | 41 | N | Ditto |  | Minimum Temperature in Ditto. . . . . . . . 40 $40^{\circ}$. |
|  | 70 | 46 | 78 | 40 | - | Ditto | . 02 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ..... $107^{\circ}$. |
|  | 84 | 42 | 90 | 36 | - | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ..... $33^{\circ}$. |
|  | 77 | 49 | 107 | 44 | NE | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of External Air....... $60^{\circ} .80$ |
|  | 73 | 48 | 95 | 39 | L | Little | . 02 |  |
|  | 75 | 55 | 100 | 51 | SE | Ditto | . 56 | Winds |
|  | 75 | 55 | 99 | 49 | NW | Ditto | . 03 | North...... 6 days N. East . . . 2 day |
|  | 65 65 | 45 | 78 | 39 | N | Ditto |  | South .....22 2 . ${ }^{\text {d }}$. West....1 |
|  | 68 | 52 47 | 75 75 | 45 42 |  | Ditto <br> Ditto |  | West ..... 7 . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ S. West .... 7 |
|  | 72.29 | $49 \cdot 32$ | 91.29 | 46.67 |  |  | 1.52 | Amount of kain 31 days. |

## AUGUST．

| Morning． |  |  |  |  |  | Noon． |  |  |  |  | Night． |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1842. | E Barom． | Hygrometer． |  |  | eathe | Barom． | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weather． | Ba | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weather． |
| M． | 130.277 2.183 | 59 | 56 | 3 | Overcast | 30.263 -.094 | 70 | 54 | 16 | Very Fine Sultry | 30.218 | 55 | 55 |  | Clear \＆Fine |
| W． | $2-183$ 32.950 | 62 67 | 57 65 | 2 | Do．light haze Do．and sultry | －． 094 | 74 82 | 60 67 | 14 | Sultry ${ }^{\text {Very }}$ Fine | 29.979 -889 | 58 64 | 58 64 6 | ＝ | Ditto |
| Th． | $4-856$ | 71 | 66 | 5 | Very Fine | －．828 | 84 | 62 | 22 | Sultry | －． 902 | 63 | 63 | － | Ditto |
| F． | $5-.928$ | 69 | 66 | 3 | Overcast | －． 930 | 76 | 70 |  | Cloudy，Fine | －－．904 | 64 | 64 | － | Cloudy，Fine |
| S． | $6-.844$ | 70 | 70 | － | Cloudy | －． 918 | 70 | 70 | － |  | －． 937 | 58 | 58 | － | lear，Fine |
| S． | 7－．859 | 65 | 58 | 7 | Very Fine | －． 940 | 76 | 60 | 16 | Clear | －． 963 | 60 | 60 |  | Ditto |
| M． | 830.025 | 65 | 65 |  | Clear | 30.026 | 79 | 60 | 19 | Hot and Dry | 30.029 | 59 | 59 |  | Ditto |
| T． | $9-.029$ | 71 | 65 | 6 | Ditto | 29.957 | 82 | 60 | 22 | Ditto | 29.884 | 64 | 64 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ditto der } \\ & \text { Heavy rain, thun } \end{aligned}$ |
| W． | 1029.737 | 81 64 | 69 64 | 12 | Sultry | －．620 | 89 | 59 | 30 | Ditto | －． 772 | 66 | 66 | 工 | Clear \＆Fine |
| F． | 1230.257 | 67 | 63 | － | Clear，very fine | 30．024 | 76 | 52 65 6 | 116 | Clear \＆Fine | 30.131 -.200 | 58 | 5 | 二 | Ditt |
| D S． | $13-379$ | 67 | 67 | － | Hazy | －． 399 | 77 | 72 | 5 | Overcast | －． 395 | 59 | 59 | － | Ditto |
|  | 14－．359 | 73 | 66 | 7 | Very Fine | －． 342 | 81 | 70 | 11 | Sultry | －． 214 | 61 | 61 | － | Ditto |
| M． | 15－204 | 70 | 68 | 2 | Ditto | －． 157 | 85 | 65 | 20 | Very hot | －． 153 | 66 | 66 |  | Ditto |
| W． | 16－．162 | 71 66 | 65 | 6 | Ditto | －． 149 | 85 | 60 | 25 | Ditto | ． 130 | 64 | 64 |  | Ditto |
| Th． | $17-112$ 1829.939 | 70 |  | 1 | Slight haze Do．heavy dew | －． $29.92{ }^{2}$ | 77 <br> 88 | 70 71 | 17 | Ditto | －． 29.82 | 64 | 64 | 8 | Cloudy，light |
| F． | 19－．896 | 69 | 67 | 2 | Overcast | 29．901 | 75 | 75 | 17 | Cloudy | 29．830 | 62 | 62 |  | Clear，very fin |
|  | 20－．981 | 67 | 63 | 4 | Ditto | －．993 | 70 | 62 | 8 | Ditto \＆Fine | 30.038 | 60 | 60 |  | Ditto |
| （－）S． | $21-.981$ | 68 | 61 | 7 | Very Fine | －． 943 | 70 | 60 | 10 | Ditto | 29.943 |  | 59 |  | Ditto |
| M． | 22－．929 | 69 | 58 | 11 | Ditto | －．913 | 81 | 61 | 20 | Hot \＆Dry | －．926 | 65 | 65 |  | Ditto |
| T． | 23－．888 | 70 | 66 | 4 | Cloudless | －． 869 | 82 | 67 | 15 | Ditto | －． 879 | 57 | 57 |  | Ditto |
| W． | $24-840$ | 62 | 60 |  | Fine | －． 777 | 67 | 45 | 22 | Ditto［cast | －． 725 |  | 59 |  | Rain |
| Th． | $25-.702$ | 61 | 61 | － | Overcast | －． 698 | 68 | 68 | － | Densely over－ | －． 725 | 63 | 63 | － | Cloudy |
|  | 26－．916 | 65 | 63 | － | Hazy | －． 818 | 76 | 60 | 16 | Sultry | －．884 | 60 | 60 |  | Clear \＆Fine |
|  | $27-940$ | 66 | 63 | 3 | Overcast | －． 936 | 72 | 63 | 9 | Cloudy，fine | －． 933 | 63 | 63 |  | Ditto |
| （ ${ }^{\mathbf{M}}$ ． | 28 29 | 62 63 | 62 63 |  |  | －．916 | 70 | 69 | 1 | Ditto | －．977 | 62 | 62 |  | Ditto |
| T． | 3030.007 | 63 | 63 | 二 | Foggy | －0．959 | 74 69 | 70 | 4 | Slight haze | －．956 | 59 | 59 |  | Overcas |
| S． | $31-.137$ | 57 | 54 | 3 | ear | －． 147 | 61 | 48 | 13 | Fine | －．151 | 53 |  |  | Clear \＆Fin |
|  | 30.002 | 66.77 |  | 3.19 |  | 29.991 | 3.67 |  | ． 58 |  | 29.988 | 61.38 | 61.12 | Q． 26 |  |

## AUGUST.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dayh | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031 | 72 | 43 | 80 | 38 | NE | Little |  | This month was excessively hot, the temperature exceeding |
|  | 79 | 55 | 92 | 50 | E | Ditto |  | that of any corresponding month for at least 16 years previous. |
|  | 83 | 52 | 100 | 50 | NE | Ditto |  | The maximum temperature in the shade averaged nearly $80^{\circ}$. |
|  | 86 | 62 | 100 | 57 | W | Ditto |  | On the 10th, with a very dry state of the air, the thermometer |
|  | 70 | 59 | 90 | 55 | SW | Ditto |  | indicated $93^{\circ}$ in the shade, and on the 15 th and 18 th, $92^{\circ}$. The |
|  | 72 | 53 | 90 | 49 | W | Ditto |  | excessively hot and dry condition of the air on the 10 th was fol- |
|  | 78 | 48 | 90 | 44 | SW | Ditto |  | lowed by slight rain, with distant thunder in the afternoon, and |
|  | 82 86 | 51 | 98 | 45 | S | Ditto | . 15 | a heavy thunder storm towards midnight, with rain in torrents, |
|  | 93 | 60 | 100 110 | 49 | SE | Brisk | . 6 | multry with thunder, lightning, and rain at nights. On the 29th |
|  | 71 | 47 | 90 | 42 | W | Brisk | 1.06 | heavy thunders commenced early, A. M. followed by bright sun- |
|  | 78 | 55 | 92 | 52 | SW | Ditto |  | shine with a few large drops of rain occasionally; and a violent |
|  | 73 | 56 | 80 | 53 |  | Little |  | thunder storm with heavy rain in the afternoon. |
|  | 85 92 | 48 | 90 | 52 | NE | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.993 inches. |
|  | 92 89 | 52 | 105 | 46 | E | Ditto |  | - Temperature . . . . . . . Ditto. . . . . $677^{\circ} .27$ |
|  | 80 | 57 | 106 | 52 |  | Ditto |  | - Dew Point . . . . . . . . . Ditto . . . . . 61.93 |
|  | 92 | 62 | 102 120 | 55 | - | Brisk |  | - Degree of Dryness.... Ditto...... 5.34 |
|  | 73 | 61 | 90 | 57 | SW | Ditto | . 01 | -_ Force of Vapour ..... Ditto...... ${ }^{\text {- }}$. 592 inch. |
|  | 73 | 57 | 89 | 52 | W | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture. . . . . . 453 |
|  | 77 83 | 55 | 110 | 51 | SW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade. . . $93{ }^{\circ}$. |
|  | 83 85 | 58 | 115 | 53 | E | Ditto |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto. . . . . . $43^{\circ}$. |
|  | 70 | 46 | 120 | 40 | S | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun .... . $120^{\circ}$ |
|  | 71 |  | 96 | 54 | NE | Ditto | . 22 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation .... $38^{\circ}$ |
|  | 80 | 57 | 75 | 55 | N | Ditto | . 28 | Mean Temperature of External Air . . . . $66^{\circ} .27$ |
|  | 74 | 57 | 118 | 53 | E | Ditto |  | Winds. |
|  | 72 | 56 | 100 | 53 | NE | Ditto | . 20 | North ...... I days ${ }^{\text {N. East..... } 7 \text { days }}$ |
|  | 74 | 55 | 90 | 54 |  | Ditto | .14 | South...... 3 .. S. East...... 1 .. |
|  | 70 64 | 46 | 92 | 41 | W | Ditto | , | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { East. . . . . } & 7 & \text {.. } & \text { N. West .... } \\ \text { W. West. . . } 6 . & 6 & \text {.. }\end{array}$ |
|  |  | 50 | 80 | 45 | NW | Ditto | . 22 | West...... 5 .. S. West..... |
|  | 78.29 | 54.25 | 97 | 2 |  |  | 2.81 | $3!$ days. |

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SEPTEMBER.


## SEPTEMBER.



OCTOBER.


## OCTOBER.


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NOVEMBER.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1842. | ${ }_{\sim}^{\infty}$ | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. |
|  | 130.216 |  | 43 | 43 | - | Fine | 30.161 | 53 | 48 | 5 | Cloudless | 30.114 | 36 | $\begin{aligned} & 36 \\ & 46 \end{aligned}$ | - | Foggy Ditto |
|  |  | -. 106 | 4441 |  |  |  | -. 084 | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 46 \end{aligned}$ | 4946 | - | FoggyHazy | -. 126 | 46 |  | - |  |
|  |  |  |  | 41 | - | Hazy | 29.934 |  |  |  |  | 29.955 | 38 | $38$ | - | Clear \& Fi |
|  | 29.983  <br> 4 30.169 |  | 42 | 35 | 7 | Cloudy |  | 42 | 42 | - | Shower | 30.151 | 37 |  |  | Clear |
|  |  | -. 177 | 38 | 38 | - | Overca | -. 105 | 46 | 39 | 7 | Ditto | -. 104 | 40 | $\begin{aligned} & 37 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ |  | - Sleet |
|  |  | -. 122 | 42 | 40 | - | Slight showers | -. 131 | 43 | 39 | 4 | Cloudy | -. 148 | 40 | 40 40 | - | Overcast |
|  | -. 100 |  |  | 42 | - | OvercastDitto | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & -.099 \\ & -.089 \end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 46 \end{aligned}$ | 40 | 7 | Ditto | -. 131 | 41 | 41 | - | Dit |
|  |  | -. 126 | 42 | 42 |  |  |  |  |  | 11 | Ditto | 29.959 | 41 | 41 - | - | Ditto |
|  |  | 929.790 | 42 | 40 | 2 | Ditto | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c} -.089 \\ 29.693 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 44 \\ & 51 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35 \\ & 44 \end{aligned}$ | - | Densely Overcast | -. 634 | 45 | 45 - | - | Stormy, rain Rain |
|  |  | -. 651 | 49 | 49 |  | Ra | -. 600 |  | $44$ | $-$ |  | -. 494 | 44 | 44 - | - |  |
| F. |  | - 194 | 48 | 48 | - |  | -. 089 | 55 | 55 | - | Cloudy <br> Rain | -. 548 | 51 | 51 -- | -- | Cloud |
| S. | 2 | -. 050 | 51 | 51 | - | Stormy \& wet | -. 238 | 55 | 55 | - | Rain Cloudy \& fine | -. 516 | 42 | 42 - | - | Clear |
| S. |  | -. 457 | 52 | 52 | - | Cloudy <br> Overcast | -. 284 | 52 | 52 | - | Boisterous, rain | -. 290 | 50 | 50 | - | oisterous, nin |
| M. |  | -. 696 | 46 | 46 | - |  | $-.763$ | 48 | 48 | - | Fine | $-.675$ | 46 | 46 |  |  |
| T. |  | $-.631$ | 44 | 44 | - | Stormy \& wet Rain | $-.614$ | 46 | 46 | - | Rain | -. 624 | 47 | 47 | - | Dull \& foggy |
| W. | 16 | -. 717 | 44 | 44 | - |  | -. 733 | 45 | 45 | - | Drizzly | $-.896$ | 39 | 39 | - | Clear <br> Cloudy, fine Ditto |
| Th. | 173 | 30.182 | 40 | 38 | 2 | Overcast <br> Ditto | 30.291 | 45 | 39 | 6 | Overcast | 30.451 | 39 | 39 | - |  |
| $\bigcirc \mathrm{F}$. |  | -. 532 | 35 | 33 | 2 |  | -. 512 | 44 | 38 | 6 | Cloudy | -.419 | 33 | 33 | - |  |
| S. |  | -. 100 | 42 | 42 | - | Rain | -. 084 | 47 | 47 | - | Rain | 29.732 | 51 | 51 | - | Overcast, heary |
| S. | 20 | 29.778 | 42 | 42 | - | Cloudy | 29.733 | 50 | 43 | 7 | Ovezcast, fine | $-.717$ | 43 | 43 | - | Overcast ${ }^{\text {aim }}$ |
| M. |  | -.785 | 34 | 34 |  | Clear | -. 799 | 44 | 42 | 2 | Clear | $-.677$ | 35 | 35 |  | Ditto |
| T. |  | -. 268 | 36 | 36 | - | Rain | -. 283 | 37 | 37 | - | Rain and sleet | -. 409 | 36 | 36 | - | Clear |
| W. |  | -. 485 | 35 | 35 | - | Lightly overcast | -. 432 | 47 | 47 | - | Lightly overcast | -. 152 | 45 | 45 |  |  |
| © Th | 24 | 28.890 | 44 | 44 | - | Ditto | 28.793 | 47 | 47 | - | Fine | 28.876 | 42 | 42 | - | Lightning, nim |
|  |  | -. 86 | 41 | 41 | - | Overcast | -.816 | 44 | 44 | - | Heavy Rain | -. 988 | 44 | 44 |  |  |
| S. | 26 | 29.660 | 41 | 41 | - | Clear | 29.119 | 49 | 45 | 4 | Lightly overcast | 29.208 | 38 | 38 | - | Ditto |
| S. | 27 | -. 344 | 39 | 39 | - | Fine | $-.170$ | 54 | 54 | - | Fine | -. 069 | 47 | 47 |  | Stormy with niv |
| M. | 28 | 28.928 | 50 | 50 | - | Cloudy | 28.893 | 54 | 54 | - | Rain | -. 266 | 43 | 43 | - | Fine |
| T. | 29 | 29.519 | 43 | 43 | - | Very Fine | 29.527 | 51 | 49 | 2 | Very Fine | -. 523 | 45 | 45 | - | Overcast <br> Clear |
| W. | 30 | -. 602 | 42 | 42 | - | Fine | -.761 | 46 | 46 | - | Fine | -. 975 | 32 | 32 |  | Clear |
|  |  | 29.684 | 40 | . 97 | 0.43 |  | 29.663 | $47 \cdot 56$ | . 53 | 2.03 |  | 29.694 | . 8 | . 86 | 0.0 |  |

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DECEMBER.


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Monthly Mean Pressure, Temperature, and Dew Point, \&c. of 1842 ; deduced from the Observations recorded in the preceding Journal.


VIII. On the Exhaustion of Soils. By Edward Solly, Esq., F. R.S., F. L. S., Hon. Memb. Roy. Agr. Soc. Eng. Experimental Chemist to the Horticultural Society.

(Communicated by the Chemical Committee.)

Alithough it is well known that some plants take more from the soil than others do, some requiring a large quantity of inorganic matters, such as Alkalies and the earthy Phosphates, whilst other plants require a comparatively small quantity, and hence in growing do not exhaust or impoverish the soil to so great an extent; yet there are many points connected with the subject, and having immediate reference to practical operations, which are by no means so clear as could be wished. The following observations relate to one of these questions in particular, viz. what is the maximum and minimum of exhaustion, for any given plant. In a previous paper it has been shown, that the same plant grown in the same soil but differently manured, exposed to the influence of particular substances, or placed under different conditions, contains variable proportions of inorganic matter. This naturally leads to the question of how far these conditions are under our controul, because if they are so to any extent, it is evident that that mode of cultivation must be most desirable, in which the largest amount of vegetable matter is formed, at the least expence of inorganic matter.
The plant selected for some experiments on this subject was the Red Mangel Wurzel, which was cultivated in rich soil, abundantly supplied with animal manure. A fair average plant was examined
from week to week, to note the ratio existing between the vegetable matter formed, and the inorganic matter abstracted from the soil. In the early part of the experiment the rate of growth was very regular, so that by weighing a few plants from time to time the increase in weight of the roots every day might be readily ascertained. The experiment was commenced in July when the roots weighed about 3 oz . each, and were then increasing at the rate of nearly an ounce a day; this rate of increase appeared to continue pretty regularly, for about six weeks, after which the plants grew far less regularly, an effect in part due to the unsettled state of the weather. The following Table shows the composition of the roots examined, during fifteen consecutive weeks, and also the composition of the seeds previous to germination.


The results of this series of experiments exhibit less regularity than might have been expected; the conclusions to be drawn from them as regards the degree of exhaustion are arranged in the following Table.

|  |  | Hoots. |  | Leaves. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Inorg, matt. in 10000 parts dry. | Organ.matt. <br> $=100$ parts inorganic. | Inorg. matt. in 10000 pts . dry. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Organ. matt. } \\ & \text { = } 100 \text { parts } \\ & \text { inorganic. } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1st week | - | 1354 | 639 | 2409 | 314 |
| 2d Do. | - | 987 | 919 | 2301 | 335 |
| 3d Do. | . | 1134 | 787 | 1497 | 572 |
| 4 th Do. | - | 760 | 1234 | 2533 | 294 |
| 5th Do. | . | 1067 | 837 | 2186 | 359 |
| 6th Do. | . | 1565 | 542 | 2689 | 265 |
| 7 7h Do. | 。 | 1209 | 728 | 2913 | 243 |
| 8th Do. |  | 1486 | 575 | 2713 | 269 |
| 9th Do. | . | 1203 | 732 | 2024 | 397 |
| 10th Do. | - | 1220 | 722 | 2102 | 375 |
| 11th Do. |  | 784 | 1169 | 2311 | 302 |
| 12th Do. | - | 1025 | 926 | 2592 | 285 |
| 13th Do. | . | 1015 | 990 | 2389 | 320 |
| 14th Do. | - | 1129 | 786 | 1316 | 661 |
| 15th Do. | - | 876 | 1144 | 1748 | 472 |

It is worthy of note that in examining this series of plants it was observed that the young roots for the first two weeks contained small traces of Nitric acid, whilst for the three first weeks the leaves contained a very large quantity ; in the third and fourth week the roots contained a considerable portion of Nitric acid, but after that little or none could be detected ; from the fourth to the eleventh week the leaves also contained a considerable quantity, but during the three last weeks of the experiment the leaves like the roots were quite destitute of any Nitrates.

At the same time with these experiments a similar examination was made of the experimental Mangel Wurzel roots, which formed the subject of the experiment already described (p. 86 of this volume). The following is the relative composition of this series of plants.

| Manure applied. | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Inorg. matt in 10000 part dry. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Muriate of Lime | 9075 | 837 | 98 | 1092 |
| 2. Phosphate of Ammonia | 9090 | 817 | 93 | 1029 |
| 3. Sulphate of Potash . | 9032 | 854 | 114 | 1110 |
| 4. Muriate of Ammonia | 9085 | 814 | 101 | 984 |
| 3. Nitrate of Potash. | 9014 | 889 | 97 | 975 |
| 6. Common Salt | 8991 | 911 | 98 | 1014 |
| 7. No Manure - | 8858 | 1027 | 115 | 878 |
| 8. Muriate of Potash | 8935 | 972 | 93 98 | 1047 |
| 9. Nitrate of Soda . | 9064 | 838 | 98 111 | 1163 |
| 10. Sulphate of Magnesia | 9039 | 850 | 1104 | 1242 |
| 11. Sulphate of Soda . | 9154 | 742 568 | 100 | 1496 |
| 12. Superphosphate of Lime | 9332 | 568 | 96 | 917 |
| 13. Carbonate of Soda : | 8941 | 963 766 | 92 | 1076 |
| 14. Sulphate of Ammonia | 9142 | 766 | 169 | 1326 |
| 15. Phosphate of Soda | 9179 8945 | 712 947 | 108 | 1024 |
| 16. Rotten Dung | 8945 | 947 |  |  |

By comparing these numbers with those already given (p. 86), as expressing the weights of the several crops, it is easy to calculate the relative value of each crop as expressed by the effect produced in deteriorating the soil. Hence we at once get a reply to the question, whether the largest crop exhausts the soil more, or less, than the smaller ones, in proportion to the amount of food or vegetable matter formed. This is shewn in the following Table which contains the weight of the crop per acre, the quantity of inorganic matter removed from the soil by each crop, the quantity of dry organic matter equivalent to 100 parts of the inorganic matter thus abstracted, and the assumed effect produced by each crop, arranged in the order of their exhausting effects.

|  | Weight of Crop. cwt. | Inorg. matter in Crop. <br> lbs. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dry. organic } \\ \text { matt }=100 \text { pts. } \\ \text { inorg. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Assumed } \\ \text { relative } \\ \text { exhaustion. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12. Superphosphate of Lime | 530 | 594 | 568 | 1839 |
| 15. Phosphate of Soda | 513 | 626 | 653 | 1583 |
| 11. Sulphate of Soda | 647 | 753 | 713 | 1465 |
| 3. Sulphate of Potash | 754 | 963 | 749 | 1395 |
| 10. Sulphate of Magnesia | 627 | 929 | 765 | 1366 |
| 4. Muriate of Ammonia | 658 | 745 | 805 | 1298 |
| 14. Sulphate of Ammonia | 457 | 471 | 832 | 1256 |
| 1. Muriate of Lime | 939 | 1032 | 854 | 1223 |
| 9. Nitrate of Soda | 682 | 682 | 855 | 1222 |
| 16. Rotten dung . - | 676 | 820 | 876 | 1192 |
| 2. Phosphate of Ammonia | 715 | 745 | 878 | 1190 |
| 7. No manure | 617 | 805 | 892 | 1171 |
| 5. Nitrate of Potash | 736 | 800 | 916 | 1140 |
| 6. Common salt | 774 | 850 | 929 | 1124 |
| 13. Carbonate of Soda | 653 | 702 | 1031 | 1001 |
| 8. Muriate of Potash | 696 | 725 | 1045 | 1000 |

It is evident then from this Table, that the rate of exhaustion is quite independent of the weight of the crop. Thus for example, taking Phosphate of Ammonia as a standard of comparison, it appears that Sulphate of Ammonia produced a smaller, and Muriate of Lime a larger crop; yet, both of these crops exhausted the soil more than the standard, just in the proportion that 1256 and 1223 are more than 1190. Again no manure produced a smaller, and common salt a larger crop, than Phosphate of Ammonia did, but both of them, in proportion exhausted the soil less than the standard in the ratio of 1171 and 1124 to 1190 . In arriving at this
conclusion, however, it must be remembered that as the nature of the inorganic substances absorbed by plants, varies as well as their quantity, it does not follow that that plant which takes up most earthy matter does most injury to the soil. It is in fact more probable that the amount of Phosphoric acid taken up by the crop would be a fairer standard of exhaustion; but even this does not seem to be quite accurate in all cases, because though in some experiments it was found that the earthy matter bore a smaller relation to the organic matter, just in proportion to the quantity of Phosphoric acid it contained; yet there were so many exceptions to this rule, as to render its applicability very questionable.

Previous experiments had made it appear probable that some relation existed between the rapidity of growth, and the proportion of earthy matters existing in the plants. In the experimental Peas (p. 86) very little effect was produced by the various manures employed; Common Salt and Nitrate of Soda slightly improved the growth of the plants, they were rather larger and more flourishing than the other ten squares, but the produce in seed was rather less. In July, when the seeds were fully formed, but still quite soft and green, they were examined; the following Table shews their composition, and the relation of inorganic to organic matter at this time.

|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Inorg. matt. in 10090 parts dry. | Organic matt. $=100$ parts. inorg, dry. | Assumed relatice exhaustion. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nitrate of Soda | 7383 | 2526 | 91 | 347 | 2775 | 1228 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 7288 | 2625 | 87 | 323 | 2982 | 1142 |
| Muriate of Ammonia . | 7068 | 2838 | 94 | 323 | 2987 | 1140 |
| Sulphate of Potash | 7105 | 2803 | 92 | 319 | 3025 | 1126 1116 |
| Sulphate of Soda. | 7080 | 2830 | 90 | 317 | 3052 | 1097 |
| Common Salt | 7042 | 2868 | 90 | 312 | 3105 | 1097 |
| Phosphate of Lime | 7135 | 2778 | 87 | 306 | 3160 3190 | $1068$ |
| Sulphate of Lime | 7180 | 2735 | 85 | 309 | 3190 3195 | $\begin{aligned} & 1068 \\ & 1066 \end{aligned}$ |
| Muriate of Potash | 6893 | 3013 | 94 | 303 | 3195 3300 | 1032 |
| No manure - | 7073 | 2837 | 90 | 308 | 3360 | 1014 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 6639 | 3264 | 97 | 289 | 3360 3408 | 1000 |
| Sulphate of Ammonia | 6921 | 2992 | 87 | 285 | 3408 | 100 |

Three months later, when the Peas were perfectly ripe, and had been gathered in and weighed, they were a second time examined;
and though still very uniform in composition, the proportion of inorganic manner, differed a good deal from that in the green Peas. The results of this second series of experiments, which bear more immediately on the subject of inquiry, are contained in the following Table.

|  | Ripe Peas. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. | Organic matter. | Inorganic matter. | Inorg. matt. per 10000 pts . dry. | Crop, per acre. | Dry organic matt. $=100$ pts. inorgan. | Assumed relative exhaustion. |
| Common Salt | 1110 | 8610 | 280 | 316 | cwt. lbs. $17 \quad 76$ | 3063 | 1127 |
| Sulphate of Lime | 1057 | 8670 | 273 | 305 | $18 \quad 75$ | 3171 | 1092 |
| Nitrate of Soda . | 1090 | 8640 | 270 | 303 | $16 \quad 54$ | 3200 | 1079 |
| Sulphate of Soda . | 997 | 8833 | 270 | 299 | 1864 | 3234 | 1068 |
| Phosphate of Lime | 957 | 8777 | 266 | 295 | 2184 | 3291 | 1049 |
| Sulphate of Potash | 1044 | 8693 | 263 | 294 | $19 \quad 19$ | 3301 | 1046 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 1014 | 8723 | 263 | 293 | 2261 | 3312 | 1043 |
| Sulphate of Ammonia | 1000 | 8737 | 263 | 292 | $19 \quad 52$ | 3317 | 1041 |
| No manure . . | 927 | 8810 | 263 | 292 | 21104 | 3345 | 1032 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 1024 | 8716 | 260 | 291 | $18 \quad 97$ | 3352 | 1030 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 860 | 8880 | 260 | 248 | 1831 | 3415 | 1011 |
| Muriate of Potash . | 874 | 8870 | 256 | 281 | 2151 | 3455 | 1000 |

From this Table it is clear that the crops which at first grew most vigorously, and seemed most benefited by the manures, namely, those to which common Salt and Nitrate of Soda had been applied, absorbed in consequence a considerably larger proportion of earthy matters; as from the numbers in the last column it appears, that in those plants the relation of inorganic to organic matter, is bigher than in most of the others. The experiments already described on Mangel Wurzel are on the other hand opposed to this view, and the following examination of the Experimental Potatoes likewise leads to very different conclusions, because in place of finding that those plants which grew most vigorously, or yielded the largest return of produce, contained most inorganic matter, we find that set of plants which grew most luxuriantly and produced the largest crop, was also that in which the smallest proportion of inorganic matter was contained ; a result which is further borne out by the experiments on Potatoes, of the previous year, described at p. 48.


In experiments of this kind, considerable variations have been found in the composition of the inorganic substances which plants contain, when thus cultivated under different circumstances; and therefore we must not at once conclude that such results are rigorously correct. From these, however, and a number of other experiments, I have no doubt that a large and healthy crop does really in proportion exhaust the soil less than a smaller and less flourishing one; nay, even, that under certain circumstances a moderate crop will take more out of a soil, or be more exhausting to it, than a larger one.

Bedford Row, 15th January, 1845.

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IX.-On Seed-Steeping. By Edward Solly, Esq., F. R. S., F. L. S., Hon. Memb. Roy. Agr. Soc. Eng. Experimental Chemist to the Horticultural Society.
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From very early times it has been a favourite idea with the followers of husbandry, that the produce of the ground might be greatly increased by causing the seed to undergo some process of preparation previous to its being sown. On looking over the various writings of those who have made agriculture their study, one cannot but observe how very frequently, great importance is attributed to the preparation of the seed; and considering the multitude of books which have been written, and the number of experiments made by succeeding generations, it is not a little remarkable that even at the present day it should still be open to inquiry whether the steeping or preparation of the seed, does or does not, to any extent supply the necessity of manure. We are told by Virgil;

> Semina vidi equidem multos medicare serentes, Et nitro prius, et nigrâ perfundere amurcâ, Grandior ut feetus siliquis fallacibus esset.
and we are told at the present time that by steeping the seeds of corn, $\&$ c., in certain solutions, of nitre and other salts, a small quantity will be absorbed, which will greatly increase the vigour and luxuriance of young plants, and ensure without further manure a much larger and more plentiful harvest, than could possibly be obtained without the previous steeping.

I will not attempt to give any sketch of what has been written on the subject of seed-steeping, which would necessarily lead to long and tedious details, but I shall content myself with a few brief
quotations from the writings of some of the most ingenious men of their times, as an introduction to my own experiments.

The writings of many of the agriculturists of the seventeenth century display a remarkable spirit of inquiry, associated with a correctness of reasoning, hardly to be expected in such early days, and almost free from the narrow-minded fear of innovation which characterises many of the writers of the last century. In the writings of Plattes for example, there are suggestions which may be studied with advantage even at the present day. The following remarks on the steeping of seeds are from his "Discovery of hidden Treasure," published in 1639, and follow some good observations on liquid manure. "When the sun hath exhaled the greater part of the dung-water, and that it groweth thickish and fat, then reserve a good pit full thereof well bottomed with clay, that will hold water, and at seed-time steep your seed-corn in it, but put the fat water to it by little and little as it drinketh it up; that at the last it may be almost dry of itself: but before it be full dry, sift a small quantity of lime amongst it, that so it may grow dry with the lime, and grow like comfits, then with this seed sow or set your most remote ground from your dunghills, and by this means you will save ten times as much labour in carriage of your dung, so far as this labour cometh too, and as for your crop, though you shall not have so much increase as some, have mountebanklike reported of it, yet you shall have a good material increase, for one crop only.
"And I have sometimes spritted the corn a little, as they use to do for malt, and then have sown it, and it came up speedily and got the predomination of the weeds at first, and so kept the same, whereby I had far greater increase than ordinary. Also I found sometimes when a dry season came upon the sowing, that my corn thus ordered took root far better than other mens' corn who would not take this small pains to steep it and sprit it."

About this period attention was drawn to seed-steeping by Lord Bacon, who made a number of experiments on the subject, which
possess considerable interest. The following account of them is from the fifth century of his Sylva Sylvarum, or Natural History, published in 1664, after his death.
" There were sown in a bed turnip seed, raddish seed, wheat, cucumber seed, and peas. The bed we call a hot bed, and the manner of it is this. There was taken horse-dung, old and well rotted; this was laid upon a bank half a foot high, and supported round about with planks, and upon the top was cast sifted earth some two fingers deep, and then the seed sprinkled upon it, having been steeped all night in water mixed with cow-dung.
"The turnip seed and the wheat came up half an inch above ground within ten days after, without any watering: the rest the third day. The experiment was made in October ; and it may be, in the Spring the acceleration would have been the speedier. This is a noble experiment, for without this help they would have been four times as long in coming up. But there doth not occur to me at this present, any use thereof for profit, except it should be for sowing of peas which have their price very much increased by the early coming. It may be tried also with cherries, strawberries, and other fruit which are dearest when they come early.
"'There was wheat steeped in water mixed with cow-dung; others in water mixed with horse-dung; in water mixed with pigeon's dung; in human urine; in water mixed with chalk powdered; in water mixed with soot; in water mixed with ashes; in water mixed with bay salt; in claret wine; in malmsey wine; and others in spirit of wine. The proportion of the mixture was a fourth part of the ingredients to the water, save that there was not of the salt above one-eighth. The urine, wines, and spirit were simple, without mixture of water. The time of steeping was twelve hours, the time of the year October. There was also other wheat sown unsteeped but watered twice a day with warm water. There was also other wheat sown simple to compare with the rest. The event was that those which were in the mixture of dung, urine, soot, chalk,
ashes, and salt came up within six days, and those that afterwards proved the highest, thickest, and most lusty, were first the urine, then the dungs, next the chalk, next the soot, next the ashes, next the salt, next the wheat simple, next that watered twice a day with warm water, next the claret wine. So that those three last were slower than ordinary wheat itself, and this culture did rather retard than advance. As for those that were steeped in malmsey and spirit of wine, they came not up at all. This is a rich experiment for profit; for the most of the steepings are cheap things and the goodness of the crop is a great matter of gain ; if the goodness of the crop answer the earliness of the coming up, as it is like it will ; both being from the vigour of the seed, which also partly appeared in the former experiment, as hath been said."

The experiments of Bacon and the good opinion which he seems to have had of the value of seed-steeping caused many to take up the subject; various solutions were recommended; and as various was the success which attended their use. The following cautious observations of Blith (1649), are interesting in connexion with the preceding account of Bacon's experiments.
"Sir Francis Bacon is of opinion that salt mingled with corn hath a very good operation, being sowed with the corn, which possibly may, because brackishness is fruitful to the land, also that chalk and lime sowed with the corn is very helpful and that steeping of your corn in fat water, lime-water, or dunghill-water, hath a wonderful effect to work strange things, of all which myself having not made full experience, can find no more advantage therein than just so much as is added to the corn either of the chalk or lime in substance, or so much as is added of the soil or fatness of either of the waters and no more. For having made a thorough trial thereof found no otherwise, nor nothing of that great advantage promised; but let me not prejudice any ingenious trials of the same, others may find more, possibly I might miss in the manner of my application."

On reading over the opinions of those who stated that they had tried the process of seed-steeping, it will be observed that they are for the most part unfavourable, though generally qualified by a modest doubt of the accuracy of their conclusions, and the decisiveness of their experiments. This is illustrated in the observations of Blith, and also in the following remarks of Sir Hugh Plat (1653). "Now a word or two of those conceited practices, which I promised before. I have heard some studient practisers very confidently affirm, that if you steep your corn in water, the space of certain hours (but I could never yet find them all agree in one time; for some limit, twelve hours, some eighteen, and some thirty-six hours, you may prove them all and keep the best) in water, wherein good store of cow-dung hath lain in imbibition for certain days, (which times you must also search, if you mean to be an exact master) every day stirring the same once or twice together before you lay in your corn, and after this preparation you sow the same (though in barren ground) that so you shall purchase a most rich and plentiful crop with an easy charge. But this kind of practice, I have heard both maintained and impugned as well by reason as by experience, and that by men of good judgment on both sides, although if I would set down my own experience herein, I must needs confess I could never yet attain to any truth in this secret, or to make any apparent difference between the corn that was husbanded in this manner and that which grew of itself without any such help (yet will I not for the credit of the reporters) altogether discredit the invention, for that peradventure I might fail in the nature of the grain or in the time of imbibition."
He then proceeds to relate a successful experiment in which corn was mixed with dung and water, the whole being well stirred together for one hour; after standing some hours it was again stirred for half an hour, and then left at rest all night. On the following morning the water was permitted to drain away, and the corn and dung together then sown on very poor barren soil ; the crop
obtained was most plentiful, as if the ground itself had been well manured. This experiment however can hardly be fairly classed amongst those on seed-steeping, though at the same time it is probable that the effects produced were in great part similarly caused to those which from time to time have been produced by mere steeping.

Within the last three or four years public attention has been again drawn to the subject of seed-steeping by reports of the wonderful crops obtained from steeped seeds. In Germany M. Bickes and M. Victor, and Mr. Campbell in our own country, have described the surprising effects on vegetation produced by various steeps; indeed, the accounts published by the German authors are so marvellous, and the deductions made by them from the results of their experiments so startling, that they could not fail to excite curiosity and induce experiment, though on consideration we feel assured that the authors must have either been greatly deceived themselves, or willing to exaggerate their results a little in order to excite the attention of their readers. The experiments of these authors are so well known that it is unnecessary here to recapitulate them further, than to observe that the principle put forth was the same as that advanced so long since by Bacon and others, that by manuring the seed previous to sowing it, a far better harvest would be obtained; the plants would grow with greater vigour and luxuriance, and in consequence would be less liable to blights and the ravages of insects. Some of the recent advocates of seed-steeping have gone much further than this, and have asserted that by properly preparing the seed, it may be made to absorb such a quantity of those substances which growing plants require, that, when placed in the ground it will contain within itself such a store of inorganic food, as to be quite independent of the soil, and therefore in growing not exhaust the latter at all.

The object, contemplated in the following series of experiments made at the Garden of the Horticultural Society in the Spring of

1844, was to ascertain whether any and what effect would be produced by steeping various seeds in certain simple solutions previous to sowing, and to submit the plants subsequently to chemical examination should any differences be observed which might render such a proceeding desirable.
The ground selected for the experiments was uniform and had not been previously used for chemical experiments, its composition was very nearly the same as that of the ground employed in the experiments of last year (see p. 36 of this volume). The seeds were all good, being selected on purpose, and the whole of each kind of seed was sown at the same time. Saturated solutions of pure nitrate of soda, chloride of calcium, sulphate of magnesia, muriate of ammonia, phosphate of ammonia, and common salt were made, and these diluted by the addition of nine times as much pure water; enough of each steep was taken to cover entirely the portion of seeds to be steeped, the quantity of solution being invariably two fluid ounces; the seeds were left in the solution until they had swelled considerably, and it became evident that in a little time more they would sprout, when they were withdrawn from the solutions, drained on paper, and then sown. During the whole time of steeping they were kept in the dark. Besides the six portions of seeds steeped in the above mentioned solutions, two others were sown, one of which had been soaked a corresponding time in water alone, and one which had not been steeped at all; thus the effect would be observed, of steeping in water alone as distinguished from the additional effect produced by each salt employed. The beds intended for each particular sort of seed were divided into forty rows, and each of the eight parcels of seed was subdivided into five portions, so as to allow one to each row. Thus the first eight rows received each of them a portion of the same sort of seed differently prepared, the series of eight being repeated five times over, the first, ninth, seventeenth, twenty-fifth, and thirty-third row containing seeds similarly prepared; each row having in fact four more rows like itself, but separated from each
other as widely as possible, so as to ensure fair average results by diminishing the chance of any local circumstances interfering with the experiments. Each row contained thirty seeds, so that there were 150 seeds of each sort, for each steep; the seeds were sown early in April. The experiment was under the care of Mr. Thompson.

1. Wheat. At first these seeds exhibited considerable differences in the time required for germination, after a little time, however, they came up pretty generally but grew irregularly, and did not form good ears, the following table shows the number of young plants up:

| Nitrate of Soda . | Eleven Days after Sowing. |  |  |  |  | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Chloride of Calcium . | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 30 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |  |
| Nothing . . . | , |  | 3 | 1 | 4 | 12 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 7 | , | 2 | 11 | 9 | 30 |
| Water . | 0 | 1 | 2 | -2 | 3 | 8 |
| Common Salt . | 2 |  | 1 | 3 | 0 | 8 |

2. Barley. The experiments with barley succeeded better than those with wheat, two of the solutions appeared to have done some good, for the seeds steeped in them at first had rather the advantage over the others; this difference, however, very soon disappeared, and in a short time when the plants had attained a height of six inches no difference could be perceived. The plants spread and formed abundance of ears, the grain in which ripened well, but no marked differences could be perceived amongst them:

| Nitrate of Soda | Ten Days after Sowing. |  |  |  |  | Total. | Twelve Days after Sowing. |  |  |  |  | Total. | Whole Produce. |  | Grain. |  | Stıav. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 1 l. |  |  |  |  | $11$ |
| Chloride of Calcium . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 16 |  | 12 | 3 |  |  | 1 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 12 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 40 |  | 13 |  | 4 |  | 2 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 1 |  | 12 |
| Nothing . . | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 4 |  |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 5 | , | 2 | 10 | 8 | 26 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 33 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 3 |  | 14 |
| Water - | 0 | 1 | 0 |  | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 8 | 3 |  | 3 |  |  |
| Common Salt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 |  |

3. Oats. Oats germinated and came up with very great regularity; the following table shows the whole number up in seventeen days after sowing, and also the weight of the crop produced by each steeping :

|  | Total Young Plants after 17 Days. | Produce. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Grain. | Straw. |
|  |  | lbs. oz. | 1b. oz. |
| Nitrate of Soda | 125 | 17 | 34 |
| Chloride of Calcium . | 120 | 23 | 50 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 126 | 113 | $3 \quad 15$ |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 126 | 22 | 43 |
| Nothing . | 133 | 114 | 41 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 119 | 21 | 312 |
| Water . . . | 128 | 22 | 41 |
| Common Salt . | 123 | 14 | 45 |

In this experiment no appreciable difference was perceptible in the time when the different rows of seed came up; they germinated at nearly the same time, and at no period of their growth did the plants exhibit any differences in appearance.
4. Rye. These seeds came up with far more irregularity than the oats, all the steeps more or less retarding the germination of the seeds. As the plants did not shoot into ear regularly, no account of the weight of the produce could be kept. The following table shows the number of plants above ground in the tenth and twelfth day after sowing :

| Nitrate of Soda Chloride of Calcium | Ten Days after Sowing. |  |  |  |  | Total. | Twelve Days after Sowing. |  |  |  |  | rota. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 14 |
|  | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 20 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 3 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 18 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 29 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 11 |
| Nothing . | 8 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 18 | 39 | 13 | 3 | 13 | 11 | 22 | 62 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 16 |
| Water . . . | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 18 |
| Common Salt | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 |

5. Peas. Out of the eight series of peas sown only three germinated, the remaining five were evidently destroyed by the steeps.

The three which came up were those not prepared at all, those merely soaked in water, and those steeped in sulphate of magnesia. The following was the result of this experiment :

|  | Seventeen Days after Sowing. | Green Crops. | Seed. | Straw. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | lbs. | lbs. oz. | lbs. oz. |
| Nitrate of Soda | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 |
| Chloride of Calcium . | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 65 | 19 | 43 | 36 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 00 |
| Nothing . . | 94 | 18 | 52 | 312 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 |
| Water . . . | 106 | 19 | $5 \quad 7$ | 42 |
| Common Salt . | 1 | 0 | 00 | 00 |

6. Turnips. The seeds steeped in water were the first to come up. Unfortunately the fly took the greater number of the young plants and destroyed the experiment eight days after sowing. The following were the number of plants up :

7. Mustard and 8. Cress.

| Nitrate of Soda Chloride of Calcium Sulphate of Magnesia Muriate of Ammonia Nothing | Mustard. |  | Cress. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Eight Day after Sowing. | Twelve Days after Sowing. | Eight Days after Sowing. | Twelve Days after Sowing. |
|  | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
|  | 6 | 12 | 2 | 8 |
|  | 6 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
|  | 20 | 20 | 10 | 14 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Water * * | 22 | 22 | - 5 | 5 |
| Common Salt . | 8 | 12 | 1 | 4 |

9. Lettuces and 10. Beans.

|  | Lettuces. | Beans. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Twelve Days after <br> Sowing. | Fourteen Days after <br> Sowing. |
| Nitrate of Soda | 25 | 0 |
| Chloride of Calcium. | 35 | 0 |
| Sulphate of Magnesia | 30 | 13 |
| Muriate of Ammonia | 27 | 0 |
| Nothing . . | 21 | 2 |
| Phosphate of Ammonia | 20 | 1 |
| Water | 25 | 56 |
| Common Salt : | 39 | 0 |

The whole series of experiments was made in rather unfavourable weather, being a period of unusual drought; this greatly checked the germination of the seeds, and in some instances retarded it for some weeks. The beans, No. 10, mostly came up in the course of the following fortnight, but those which had first come up, which had been steeped in water, retained their superiority to the last. The general results of these experiments, as far as they may be trusted, are rather against seed-steeping. As regards the wheat, barley and lettuces, it certainly seems as if the salts employed did accelerate germination, because in two cases, namely sulphate of magnesia and phosphate of ammonia, more than twice as many plants had come up than where no steeping or only water had been employed; we may therefore conclude that in these cases, the salts and not the water, produced the effect which was observed. In all the other experiments, however, the salts appear to have done more or less harm ; at least the seeds which were steeped germinated less rapidly than those not steeped in saline solutions. In the case of the oats, peas, and mustard, the unsteeped seeds and those steeped in water alone, germinated most rapidly, the latter rather having the start of the former. In the rye and cress the unsteeped seeds germinated most rapidly, whilst those steeped in water were beaten by some of the saline solutions, and in the turnips and beans, those steeped in water came up first, whilst some of those prepared with saline solutions germinated sooner than the unprepared seeds.
The different salts acted differently on the various seeds employed : thus in the case of wheat and barley, sulphate of magnesia, and phosphate of ammonia, produced the best effect of all the salts employed; with turnips, lettuces and mustard, common salt and chloride of calcium acted best; with peas and beans, sulphate of magnesia had the greatest effect ; with rye and cress, chloride of calcium and sulphate of magnesia were most advantageous; whilst with oats, all the salts employed, produced very little effect. It
is remarkable that throughout, nitrate of soda and muriate of ammonia decidedly retarded germination.

In these experiments the seeds were all left in steep the longest time which it was considered could be safely done; as it was however very desirable, also to make trial of the effects of steeping for different periods, the following experiment was made under the superintendence of Mr. Donald. One hundred and twenty-five seeds of Lupinus Hartwegii were divided into twenty-five parcels of five each, and each parcel differently prepared previous to sowing. One parcel was kept unsteeped; twelve were steeped for longer or shorter periods in a solution of phosphate of ammonia, formed by mixing one part of the saturated solution of the salt with four parts of water; and the remaining twelve in a solution of just half the strength, consisting of one part of the saturated solution diluted with nine parts of water. The following table shows the result of this experiment, the seeds being all sown on the same day.

| Strength of Solution. | Hours in Steep. | Number Raised. | Days after Sowing. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 5 | 2 | Very healthy |
| 1 in 5 water. | 6 | 2 | 2 | Very weak |
| 1 in 5 do. . | 12 | 2 | 2 | Do. do. |
| 1 in 5 do. . . | 18 | 1 | 3 | Do. do. |
| 1 in 5 do. . | 24 | 2 | 3 | Do. do. |
| 1 in 5 do. . . | 30 | 1 | 3 | Do. do. |
| 1 lm 5 do. . | 36 | 1 | 2 | Do. do. died 2 days after |
| 1 in 5 din 5 do. | 42 | 2 | 4 | weak |
| 1 in 5 do. | 48 52 | 2 | 3 | do. |
| 1 in 5 do. | 52 58 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 in 5 do. . | 64 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 in 5 do. . | 168 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 in 10 do. . . | 6 | 3 |  |  |
| 1 in 10 do. . . | 12 | 1 | 5 | weak |
| 1 in 10 do. . | 18 | 1 | 4 | do. |
| 1 in 10 do. . . | 24 | 1 | 3 | - do. |
| 1 in 10 do. ... | 30 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 in 10 do. . | 36 | 2 | 4 | weak |
| 1 in 10 do. | 42 | 1 | 5 | do. |
| 1 in 10 do. | 48 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 in 10 do. | 52 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 in 10 do. . . | 58 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 in 10 do. . | 64 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 in 10 do. . | 168 | 0 |  |  |

This experiment, unlike those previously described, is certainly not in favour of the value of phosphate of ammonia as a steep; it is
however worthy of remark, that of the first series of Lupine seed steeped in the strong solution, 13 came up out of 60 , whilst in the second series of those steeped in the weaker solution, only 9 came up out of 60 . It is remarkable that the smaller quantity of the salt, seemed to do more harm than the larger.

Two distinct operations are very frequently spoken of under the general name of seed-steeping; the one consists in sinking the seeds in a considerable quantity of some liquid, the excess of which is poured off when it is judged the seeds have absorbed as much as is desirable; the second, when the seeds are soaked in a very small quantity of the solution, not more being used than they are able to absorb, so that there subsequently does not remain any liquid to be drained off, a quantity of dry lime or other powder being sifted upon the seeds and stirred up with them so as to dry the surface partially. It is evident that these two are very different operations and calculated to produce very different effects. By an operation of the first sort, light, blighted, and worthless grains which rise to the surface may be readily separated from the sound seeds, and the eggs of insects may be destroyed, which if sown with the seed might soon hatch and destroy the young plants. In the second process these effects are not attained ; the seeds as in the first-mentioned plan absorb a certain quantity of a solution, and in addition are externally coated with a small quantity of lime, or some other dry substance, which in a soil deficient in the substance employed may constitute a useful and valuable manure; whilst at the same time when lime is employed, it will probably defend the seeds from any insects in the soil.
It is evident that the value of any steep or process of preparing seed, will in great part depend on the nature of the soil where the seed is sown, and the weather or peculiar conditions of the season when it is used. It must always be remembered that no process of steeping can possibly replace the use of manure; if by steeping the seed we are enabled to obtain from the soil a larger crop than
we should otherwise have had, it is certain that the crop of the next year will suffer in proportion. The only chemical effect of seedsteeping must be to cause germination to proceed more rapidly and give increased vigour to the young plant, and consequently to require a larger supply of earthy matters from the soil. The experiments made this year at the Gardens of the Society, must be received with some allowance, as having been carried on in a peculiarly unfavourable season; they possess however considerable interest, and as far as they go may be relied on as accurate.






X. Journal of Meteorological Observations made in the Garden of the Horticultural Society at Chiswich during the year 1843. By Mr. Robert Thompson.

This Journal has been kept on the same plan as the preceding.

JANUARY.


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| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dasa. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 112334567789101112131414151617181920212223242526272829303131 | 41 | 25 | 46 | 21 | N | Little |  | The temperature of this month was about $3 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ degrees above |
|  | 38 | 19 | 40 | 13 | NW | Ditto |  | the average. The barometer was exceedingly low between the |
|  | 43 | 27 | 43 | 22 | SW | Ditto |  | 10 th and 15th. On the 13th the pressure of the atmosphere |
|  | 43 | 29 | 43 | 25 | W | Ditto | 12 | balanced little more than 28 inches of mercury. The day was |
|  | 41 | 31 <br> 34 | 44 | 26 | - | Brisk |  | very boisterous and there was a violent hurricane at night; but, |
|  | 46 | 34 36 36 | 41 | 30 34 |  | Little | . 01 | considering the circumstances, the quantity of rain was com- |
|  | 42 | 30 | 43 | 34 25 | SW | Brisk Ditto | .14 | paratively little. The total amount of rain during the month was also below the average, and did not correspond as usual |
|  | 47 | 32 | 47 | 31 |  | Little | :09 | with the lowness of the barometer. West and south west winds |
|  | 42 | 30 | 44 | 26 | W | Strong | .06 | were prevalent. |
|  | 40 | 31 | 43 | 29 | SW | Little | . 16 |  |
|  | 43 | 23 | 42 | 19 | N | Ditto | . 29 |  |
|  | 39 | 28 | 48 | 31 <br> 24 | SW | Strong | . 04 | 29.766 |
|  | 40 | 26 | 40 | 23 | W | Little |  | —— Dew Point . . . . . . . . . . Ditto...... $40^{\circ} .31$ |
|  | 42 | 30 | 44 | 26 | NW | Brisk |  | - Degree of Dryness ..... Ditto...... $0^{\circ} .36$ |
|  | 42 49 | 37 | 42 | 35 | SW | Ditto | . 03 | -- Degree of Moisture . . . . Ditto...... . 973 |
|  | 44 | 33 34 | 50 | 31 |  | Little |  | - Force of Vapour ...... Ditto...... $\quad .253$ inch. |
|  | 39 | 29 | 44 43 | 33 25 | E | Ditto | . 01 |  |
|  | 41 | 34 | 42 | 28 | S | Ditto |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto . . . . . . . . . $199^{\circ}$. |
|  | 44 | 34 | 46 | 30 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ....... $59^{\circ}$. |
|  | 48 | 43 | 52 | 41 | S | Ditto | . 05 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ....... $13^{\circ}$. |
|  | 49 | 39 44 | 48 | 36 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | Mean Temperature of External Air ....... . $39^{\circ} .67$. |
|  | 51 | 44 45 | 50 | 42 |  | Ditto |  |  |
|  | 53 | 50 | 54 | 43 |  | Ditto |  | Winds. |
|  | 56 | 45 | 58 | 43 | W | Brisk | 02 | North...... 2 days N. East...... o days |
|  | 55 55 | 48 36 | 57 | 46 |  | Ditto |  | South...... 3 .. East....... 11 |
|  | 5 | 36 44 | 59 | 33 |  | Ditto |  | East.......1. West..... 9 |
|  |  |  |  |  | SW | Ditto | . 07 |  |
|  | 45.09 | 34.25 | 43.51 | 31.00 |  |  | 1.33 | Amount of Rain ................... 1.33 inch. |

FEBRUARY．

| Morning． |  |  |  |  |  | Noon． |  |  |  |  | Night． |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1843 窝 | Barom． | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weather． | Barom． | Hygrometer． |  |  | Weather． | Bar | Hygrometer． |  |  | Wea |
| W． 1 | 29.902 | 44 | 44 | － | Very Fine | 29.894 | 52 | 50 | 2 | Cloudy | 29.833 | 48 | 48 | － |  |
| Th． | ． 612 | 44 | 44 | － | Heavy rain |  | 45 | 45 |  | Drizz |  |  |  |  | Bois |
| F．${ }_{\text {S．}}{ }^{3}$ | －． 517 | 39 | 39 | 二 | Showery | －． 192 | 36 | 36 | 二 | Stormy showers | －． 138 | 33 | 33 |  | Stormy |
| S． 5 | $-.840$ | 31 | ${ }^{37}$ |  | Clear，frosty | －． 798 | 38 | ${ }_{29}$ | 9 | Clear，frosty | －．854 | 31 | 31 | － | Clear |
| M． 6 | －． 868 | 32 | 30 |  | Overcast | －．736 | 39 | 39 | － | Cloudy | －． 818 | 34 | 34 |  | Overcast |
| D T． 7 | －． 960 | 33 | 33 | － | Hazy | －．993 | 39 | 39 | － | Hazy | －．890 | 34 | 34 |  |  |
| W． 8 | 30.024 | 35 | 35 |  | Dense fog | 30.038 | 38 | 38 | － | Ditto \＆cold | 30.025 | $3^{8}$ | ${ }^{38}$ |  | Ditto Densely orerat |
| Th．${ }_{\text {F }} 10$ | －29．966 | 37 | 37 | 二 | Hazy | 29.956 | 40 | 40 | － | Easterly haze | 29.892 | 37 |  |  | den |
| S． 11 | － | 35 | ${ }_{36}^{35}$ | － | ${ }_{\text {Cloudy }}$ | －．838 | $4{ }_{4}^{40}$ | 33 40 | 7 | Dense clouds | －．831 | 35 | 39 | － | Very fine |
| S． 12 | 30.040 | 35 | 35 |  | Slight drizzle | 30.030 | 41 | 40 | 1 | Ditto | 30.040 | 38 | 38 | － |  |
| M． 13 | －．010 | 30 | 30 |  | Frosty | 29.952 | 39 | 34 | 5 | Ditto | 29.873 |  |  |  | ${ }^{\text {Frosty }}$ Oyercast |
| O T． 14 | 23．721 | 27 | 27 | － | Sharp frost | －．646 |  | 39 |  | Cloudy | －． 613 | 29 | 29 |  | Overcast |
| W．${ }_{\text {Th．}} 16$ | － 56.470 | 24 24 24 | 20 15 | 4 | Do．and overcast | －． 395 | 29 | 29 | － | Snow flakes | －． 294 | 26 | 29 | 二 | Onercast |
| F． 17 | 7－．470 | 25 | 20 | 5 | Clear and Do． | －． 502 | 37 | 19 | ${ }_{12}^{13}$ | Very fine | －． 234 | 33 | 33 | － | Stormy |
| S． 18 | 8－．400 | 32 | 32 | － | Stormy | －． 410 | 34 | 34 | － | Drifting snow | －． 425 | 34 | 34 | － | Ditto |
| S． 19 | 9－． 417 | 33 | 33 | － | Overcast | －． 355 | 36 | 36 | － | Stormy，rain | －． 311 |  | 37 |  | Heavy rain |
| （ ${ }^{\text {M．}}$ ． 20 | －．267 | 37 | 37 <br> 38 |  | Rain | －． 261 | 40 | 40 | － | Hazy | －． 324 | 38 | ${ }^{38}$ |  | Foggy |
| ${ }^{4}$ W． 22 | 2－．377 | 38 44 4 | 38 <br> 44 | － | $\stackrel{\text { Foggy }}{\text { Slight rain }}$ | -.362 <br> -.298 |  | 49 | － | Fine | －． 326 |  |  |  | Cloudy |
| Th． 23 | 3－449 | 44 | 44 | － | Cloudy | －． 455 | 51 | 51 50 | － | Very fine | －．351 | 4 | 4 |  | Overcast |
| F． 2 | 4－．612 | $3^{8}$ | 38 |  | Foggy | －． 624 |  | 41 | － | Easterly haze | －． 640 | 38 | 38 |  | Hazy |
| S．${ }^{\text {S }} 2$ | 56－619 | 35 | 35 | － | Overcast | －． 596 | 38 | 38 | － | Slight drizzle | －． 609 |  |  |  | Very strmmy Slight drizzle |
| M．${ }^{2}$ | 27－68．931 | 35 | $\begin{array}{r}35 \\ 36 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | － | Sleet Rain | -.533 28.848 | $4{ }_{41}^{39}$ | ${ }_{41}^{39}$ |  | Overcast | -.326 28.869 | 35 | 35 |  |  |
| T． 28 | 28．29．004 | 39 | 39 | － | Cloudy | 29.163 | 42 | 42 | － | Cloudy | 29.434 | 38 | 38 | － | Overcast |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 29.582 | 34.89 | 34 | 8 |  | 29.569 | ． 21 | 3.3 | 1.82 |  | 29.584 | 33.78 | 33.78 | 0.0 |  |

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## MARCH.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1843. | $\square^{\text {a }}$ | Hygr | ometer. |  | Weather. | Barom. |  | gromete |  | Weather. | Barom. |  | romet |  | Weather. |
| $\begin{array}{r}\text { W. } \\ \hline \text { Th. } \\ \text { T. } \\ \text { S. } \\ \text { S. } \\ \text { S. } \\ \text { M. } \\ \text { T. } \\ \text { W. } \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 129.676 | 32 | 32 | 二 | Clear | 29.779 | 38 | 38 | - | Snow flakes | 29.851 | 33 | 33 | - | Cloudy |
|  | 330.072 | 32 | 32 | 1 | Overcast | 30.970 | 40 | 38 | 12 | Clear \& ditto | 30.029 | 33 | 33 |  |  |
|  | 4-.298 | 33 | 33 | - | Ditto | -. 347 | 41 | 33 |  | Cloudy, fine | -.159 | 27 | 27 | - | Clear \& frosty |
|  | $5-.360$ | 28 | 28 | - | Sharp frost | -. 370 | 43 | 30 | 13 | Ditto | -.331 | 34 | 33 | 1 | Cloudy |
|  | 6-.269 | 36 | 34 | 2 | Overcast | -. 245 | 43 | 40 |  | Cloudy | -. 231 | 33 | 33 | - | Clear |
|  | 7-.295 | 27 | 27 | - | Frosty \& foggy | -. 182 | 42 | 42 | - | Easterly haze | -. 197 | 32 | 32 | - | Foggy |
|  | 8-. 264 | 35 | 35 | - | Light clouds | -. 289 | 43 | 33 | 10 | Fine | -. 328 | 31 | 31 | - | Clear \& frosty |
| $\mathrm{D} \mathrm{Th} .$ | 9-.380 | 35 | 32 | 3 | Dry haze | -. 348 | 39 | 35 | 4 | Hazy | -. 318 | 30 | 30 | - | Frosty |
|  | 10-.176 | 36 | 36 | - | Hazy | -. 096 | 43 | 42 | 1 | Overcast | -. 050 | 38 | 38 | - | Overcast |
| S. | $11-.134$ | 40 | 30 | 10 | Slight haze | -. 153 | 47 | 34 | 13 | Ditto | -. 086 | 41 | 41 | - | Ditto \& fine |
| S. | 1229.943 | 42 | 42 | - | Uniformly overcast | 29.854 | 51 | 45 | 6 | Ditto | 29.700 | 47 | 47 | - | Ditto |
| M. | 13 -. 725 | 39 | 39 |  | Clear | -. 698 | 50 | 42 | 8 | Cloudy \& fine | -. 585 | 45 | 44 | 1 | Ditto |
| W. | ${ }_{15}^{14}$-. 426 | 49 | 49 | - | Fine | -. 513 | 54 | 54 |  | Cloudy | -. 605 | 48 | 48 | - | Ditto |
| $\bigcirc \mathrm{Th}$. | 16-.986 | 51 | 51 | - | Do. and mild | -.852 | 53 | 47 50 | 8 | Very Fine | -. 924 | 49 | 49 | 二 | ${ }_{\text {Clear and }}$ finc |
| F. | 17-.891 | 38 | 38 | - | Foggy | $-.858$ | 60 | 53 | 7 | Clear and do. | -. ${ }^{\text {- }} 36$ | 40 | 40 | - | Ditto |
| S. | 18-.844 | 38 | 38 | - | Ditto | $-.848$ | 60 | 49 | 11 | Very Fine | -. 86 | 46 | 46 | - | Slight fog |
|  | 19-.771 | 45 | 45 | - | Ditto | -. 867 | 50 | 50 | - | Foggy | -.816 | 44 | 44 | - | Overcast |
| M. | 20-.667 | 43 | 43 | - | Ditto | -. 563 | 60 | 58 | 2 | Very Fine | $-.473$ | 52 | 52 | - | Rain |
| ( W . | $21-.467$ | 49 | 49 | - | Fine | --.421 | 56 | 56 | - | Ditto | -. 379 | 51 | 51 | - | Very Fine |
| Th. | 22 -. 379 | 51 | 51 | - | Hazy | -. 409 | $\epsilon_{2}$ | 62 | - | Ditto | -.341 | 52 | 52 | - | Ditto |
|  | 23 -. 416 | 52 | 52 | - | Cloudy | -. 517 | 56 | 50 | 6 | Cloudy \& mild | -. 555 | 47 | 47 |  | Clear and finc |
|  | 538 | 56 | 51 | - | Light clouds | $-.563$ | 61 | 50 | 11 | Fine | -. 699 | 49 | 49 | 8 | Clear |
| S. | 26-.756 | 42 | 32 | 10 | Cold \& dry | 710 | 48 | 34 | 10 | Clear and do | -. 713 | 44 | 34 | 6 | Ditto |
|  | 27-.719 | 38 | 33 | 5 | Dry cold haze | -.715 | 43 | 35 | 8 | Cloudy \& cold | 200 | 38 | 36 | 2 | Overcast |
|  | 28-.722 | 42 | 40 | 2 | Hazy clouds | 745 | 49 | 35 | 14 | Cold \& cloudy | . 822 | 33 | 33 |  | Clear, frosty |
|  | 29-.932 | 39 | 38 | 1 | Clear | -.950 | 54 | 39 | 15 | Dry cold haze | -. 950 | 39 | 39 |  | Clear |
|  | $30-848$ | 45 | 43 | 2 | Hazy | -.768 | 57 | 53 | 4 | Overcast and fine | -. 602 | 51 | 51 | - | Overcast |
|  | $31-451$ | 53 | 53 |  | Cloudy, Fine | -. 384 | 58 | 58 | - | Cloudy | -. 455 | 49 | 49 |  | Clear and |
|  | 29.865 | 40.90 | 39.64 | +1.26 |  | 29.862 | 50.00 | 43.68 | 6.32 |  | 9090 | 0. 77 | 0.19 | 0. |  |

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APRIL.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1843. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Wenther. |
| S. | 29.484 | 51 | 51 |  | Rain | 29.490 | 58 | $5^{8}$ | - | Cloudy | 29500 |  |  | - | Overcast |
| S. | -. 452 | 54 | 54 | - | Cloudy | -. 500 | 58 | 58 | - | Ditto | -. 649 | 50 | 50 | - | Clear and fine |
| M. | -.768 | 54 | 54 | - | Slight rain | -. 798 | 61 | 55 | 6 | Ditto \& fine | -. 572 | 49 | 49 | - | Ditto |
| T. | -. 379 | 52 | 52 | - | Rain | -. 305 | 58 | 58 | - | Rain | -. 553 | 48 | 48 | - | Cloudy, windy |
| W. | 5 -.702 | 49 | 48 | 1 | Fine | -. 772 | 52 | 52 | - | Cloudy | -. 917 | 44 | 44 | - | Clear |
| Th. | $6-.843$ | 49 | 49 | - | Overcast | $-.707$ | 56 | 56 | - | Ditto | -. 646 | 51 | 51 | - | Slight rain |
| D F . | 7 -.563 | 53 | 53 | - | Rain | -. 520 | 61 | 59 | 2 | Ditto | -. 436 | 50 | 50 |  | Clear and tine |
|  | -. 544 | 48 | 48 | - | Clear | -. 553 | 55 | 45 | 10 | Fine | -. 573 | 45 | 45 | - | Ditto |
|  | 9 - . 598 | 46 | 41 | 5 | Easterly haze | -. 598 | 45 | 42 | 3 | Overcast | -. 703 | 38 | 38 | - | Clou |
| ${ }^{\text {M. }}$. ${ }^{1}$ | $10-.892$ | 39 | 33 |  | Clear | -.898 | 42 | 42 | - | Fine | -.921 | 34 | 34 |  | ${ }_{\text {Clear }}$ |
| W. | $12-.949$ | 37 | 33 | 4 | Clear | -. 971 | 46 | 24 | 22 | Clear \& dry | -.983 | 31 | 31 |  | Ditto |
| Th. | $13-797$ | 36 | 36 | - | Snow clouds | -. 848 | 45 | 25 33 | 12 | Ditto \& fine | -.829 | 31 | 31 | - | Ditto |
| $\bigcirc$ F. 1 | 14 -.914 | 43 | 38 | 5 | Uniformly overcast | -. 950 | 58 | 58 | - | Ditto | 30.006 | 48 | 48 | - | Overca |
| S. 1 | 1530.101 | 51 | 51 | - | Hazy | 30.091 | 60 | 45 | 15 | Overcast | -. 108 | 52 | 51 | 1 | Do. \& mil |
|  | 1629.992 | 54 | 50 | 4 | Light haze | 29.854 | 59 | 50 |  | Hazy, fine | 29.818 | 51 | 51 | - | Overcast |
|  | 17-854 | 51 | 48 | 3 | Ditto | -.889 | 63 | 50 | 13 | Very fine | 30.048 | 49 | 49 |  | Clear and fine |
| W. | 1830.140 | 52 | 47 | 5 | Ditto | 30.079 | 63 | 37 | 26 | Very dry | 29.980 | 50 | 48 | 2 | Ditto |
| Th. | 1929.959 | 46 | 46 |  | Ditto | 29.884 | 58 | 41 | 17 | Dry haze | -. 766 | 48 | 48 |  | Ditto |
| (1) F. | $21-.846$ | 59 | 55 | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | Very Fine | -. 711 | 67 | 59 | 8 | Very fine | -. 778 | 51 | 5 |  | Dito |
|  | $22-.815$ | 54 | 5 | - | Ditto | -. 849 | 64 | 48 | 16 | Ditto | -. 833 | 50 | 5 |  | lear |
|  | 2330.043 | 49 | 45 | 4 | Light Clouds | -. 894 | 50 | 50 | - | Showery | -.989 | 51 | 43 |  | Ditto |
|  | $24-.012$ | 50 | 45 | 5 | Ditto \& fine | 29.990 | 54 | 42 | 12 | Cloudy, fine | 30.025 | 33 | 33 |  | Ditto |
| W. | 2529.759 | 46 | 46 | - | Thickly overcast | 30.070 | 48 | 48 | - | Rain | -. 648 | 40 | 40 | - | Ditto |
| Th. | -.626 | 39 | 39 | - | Cold rain | 29.677 | 51 | 36 | 15 | Very fine | -. 644 | 40 | 40 |  | Rain |
| F. | 28-.798 | 45 | 45 | - | Cloudy | -. 674 | 54 | 40 | 14 | Cloudy, fine | -. 892 | 43 | 43 |  | Clear |
| S. | 29-681 | 49 | 48 |  | Overcast Ditto | -.707 | 52 | 52 | - | Slight rain | -. 669 | 48 | 48 |  |  |
|  | 30-6. 784 | 57 | 50 | 7 | Fine | $-.838$ | 65 | 45 53 | 11 | Cloudy, fine | -.729 -.929 | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 54 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | 5 | Clear and dry |
|  | 29.791 | 48.50 | 46.26 | 04 |  |  |  | 6.4 | 8.63 |  | 820 | 44.88 | 44.60 | 26 |  |

## APRIL.

| Temperature. |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 59 | 50 | 62 | 47 | SW | Brisk | .18 | The mean temperature was a little above the average; but |
| 59 | 48 | 68 | 45 |  | Ditto | . 05 | frosts at night were of frequent occurrence. On the night of |
| 61 | 46 | 71 | 42 |  | Ditto | . 22 | the inth the thermometer indicated $10^{\circ}$ below rreezing. Plums |
| 4 5 5 | 41 | 67 | 35 | S | Little | .23 | and cherries were then in full flower, as were likewise some of |
| $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 56 \\ 6 & 55\end{array}$ | 38 | 72 | 34 | W | Brisk | . 02 | the early flowering varieties of Pears. The liaves however were |
| $\begin{array}{lll}6 & 55 \\ 7 & 62\end{array}$ | 51 | 58 | 49 | SW | Ditto | . 01 | so far advanced as to afford the blossoms a little protection, and |
| 8 8 | 44 39 | 71 | 42 |  | Brisk | . 35 | enough was saved for a crop. Bere late frosts. Between the |
| $9 \quad 47$ | 32 | 52 | 33 27 | E | Little | . 01 | very dry, as is usually the were also frosty, but not so severe as |
| 10.50 | 26 | 60 | 20 | N | Brisk | . 01 | to do any material injury to vegetation. There was a heavy |
| 11149 | 22 | 60 | 16 |  | Ditto |  | shower of hail on the afternoon of the 5 th. |
| 12 48 <br> 13 48 | 28 | 62 | 23 | NE | Little | . 04 |  |
| 13 48 <br> 14 48 <br> 15 54 | 24 | 55 | 18 | N | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.801 inches. |
| 14 54 <br> 15 58 | 42 47 | 58 61 | 39 46 | NE | Ditto |  |  |
| 16 63 <br> 19 65 | 47 | 70 | 46 | SW | Ditto |  | - Dew Point ..... . . . . . Ditto . . . . . . $3^{\circ} .64$ |
| $\begin{array}{ll}19 & 65 \\ 18 & 67\end{array}$ | 33 | 78 | 28 | NE | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture . . Ditto ..... . . 878 |
| $\begin{array}{ll}18 & 67 \\ 19 & 63\end{array}$ | 35 | 74 | 29 | E | Ditto |  | _- Force of Vapour. . . . Ditto ..... . 310 inch. |
| 19 6 <br> 20  | 41 | 70 | 37 |  | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture . . . . . . $0_{0} 0^{.394}$ |
| 21 65 | 36 | 80 | 32 | SW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade . . . . . . $70^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 22 59 <br> 23 69 | 26 | 80 | 41 |  | Ditto | . 05 | Minimum Temperature in ditto ....... $22.80^{\circ}$. |
| 23  <br> 23 60 <br> 24 60 | 28 | 70 | 21 | S | Little | . 0 | Maximum Temperaturial Radiation ...... $16^{\circ}$. |
| 2j 60 <br> 25 56 | 27 | 69 | 20 | E | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of External Air . . . . $47^{\circ} .88$ |
| 25 5 <br> 27  | 34 | 60 | 32 | S | Ditto | .30 | Winds. |
| 27 50 <br> 28 51 | 34 | 63 | 32 | W | Ditto | . 08 | North.... 3 days $\mid$ N. East..... 4 days |
| $\begin{array}{l:l}28 \\ 28 & 54 \\ 29 & 59\end{array}$ | 33 40 | 70 | 27 | S | Ditto |  | South...... 4 .. S. East....... $0 .$. |
| 29 59 <br> 30 69 | 43 | 70 | 36 | SE | Brisk | . 04 | East...... 6 .. N . West. . . . $0.0 .$. |
| 30-69 | 49 | 75 | 45 | E | Brisk |  | West...... $4 \cdots$ S. West...... 9 . ${ }^{\text {, }}$ |
| 58.30 | 37.47 | 67.10 | 33.10 |  |  | 1.62 | Amount of Rain. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1.62 tuch. |

MAY.


## MAY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Doy. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 5 <br> 6 <br> 7 <br> 7 <br> 8 <br> 9 <br> 10 <br> 10 <br> 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 13 <br> 14 <br> 15 <br> 15 <br> 16 <br> 17 <br> 18 <br> 19 <br> 20 <br> 20 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 23 <br> 23 <br> 24 <br> 25 <br> 25 <br> 26 <br> 29 <br> 28 <br> 29 | 70 | 42 | 80 | 36 | E | Brisk |  |  |
|  | 69 | 40 | 85 | 35 |  | Little |  | This month was excessively wet, almost sunless, with a tem- |
|  |  | 44 | 80 | 39 | NE | Ditto | . 06 | perature more than 3 degrees below the average. There were |
|  |  | 45 | 72 | 41 | SW | Ditto | .16 | only 5 days on which rain did not fall. The quantity which |
|  | ${ }_{5}^{63}$ | 42 | 70 | 36 |  | Brisk | 1.26 | fell on the 5 th, fully $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inch, was greater than had fallen at the |
|  |  | 32 29 | 55 65 | 27 | W | Little | . 38 | garden in any one day since the register was kept; and the |
|  | 49 | 29 42 | 49 | 38 | E | Ditto | . 05 | total amount exceeded that in any month since July 1834. |
|  | 54 | 39 | 66 | 34 | NE | Ditto | . 57 | The barometer averaged very low. Lightning, and very heavy |
|  | 57 | 33 | 65 | 28 | E | Ditto |  | night of the 25 th was very clear, and a greater number of |
|  |  | 34 | 70 | 28 | NE | Ditto |  | shooting stars were observed than is usual at this period of the |
|  | 66 | 42 | 73 | 43 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | season. |
|  | 64 | 50 | 72 | 48 | W | Ditto | . 18 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.750 inches |
|  | ${ }^{6} 5$ | 47 | 71 | 45 | SW | Brisk | .14 | - Temperature .............. Ditto... $54^{0} .24$ |
|  |  | 50 | 71 | 47 | NE | Little | . 7 | - Dew Point .................Ditto... $51^{\circ} .90$ |
|  | ${ }^{52}$ | 43 | 50 | 40 |  | Ditto | . 20 | - Degree of Dryness.......... Ditto... $2^{0} .34$ |
|  | 48 60 | 45 46 | 51 66 | 42 | - | Ditto | . 04 | - Degree of Moisture ........ Ditto... 919 |
|  | 62 | 48 | 65 | 42 |  | Brisk | $\bigcirc 2$ | - Force of Vapour ......... Ditto... 380 inch. |
|  | 64 | 39 | 68 | 47 | E | Ditto | . 44 | Least observed degree of Moisture . . . . . . . ${ }^{\text {a }}$. $0^{497}$ |
|  | 56 | 45 | 68 | 34 | SW | Little | . 05 | Minimum Temperature in ditto .......... $29^{\circ}$. |
|  | 68 | 52 | 70 | 50 | SE | Ditto | . 53 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $85^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
|  |  | 44 | 74 | 42 | S | Ditto | . 06 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ......... $26^{\circ}$. |
|  | 66 | 41 | 75 | 37 | SW | Ditto | . 03 | Mean Temperature of External Air ....... $52^{\circ} \mathrm{O}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | 63 | 45 43 | 75 68 | 41 | - | Brisk | . 20 | Winds. |
|  | 65 | 44 | 72 | 41 |  | Ditto | . 14 | North...... 0 days ${ }^{\text {N. East.... } 7 \text { days }}$ |
|  | 54 | 44 34 | 72 54 | 39 | W | Little | .16 | South..... 5 .. S. East ..... 1 . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | 64 67 | 48 | 54 72 | 32 48 | E | Ditto | $\cdot 30$ | East........ 6 ... N.West.... $0_{8}$. ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
|  |  | 54 | 70 | 51 | W | Ditto | . 06 | $\underbrace{\text { West...... } 4 \text {. } 4 \text { S. West.... } 8 \text { \% }}$ |
|  |  | 42.83 | 68.19 | 39.00 |  |  | 5.26 | Amount of Rain .................. 5. ${ }^{31}$ days. inche |

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## JUNE.



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JULY.


## JULY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Drys | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 <br> 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 5 <br> 6 <br> 7 <br> 7 <br> 8 <br> 9 <br> 10 <br> 10 <br> 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 14 <br> 15 <br> 15 <br> 16 <br> 17 <br> 18 <br> 19 <br> 20 <br> 21 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 23 <br> 24 <br> 25 <br> 25 <br> 25 <br> 27 <br> 28 <br> 29 <br> 30 <br> 31 | 69 | 52 | 81 | 49 | E | Little |  |  |
|  | 73 | 58 | 88 | 55 | SW | Brisk |  |  |
|  | 76 | 59 | 96 | 58 |  | Ditto |  | The weather in this month was much more favourable for vege- |
|  |  | 53 | 101 | 51 | S | Little |  | tation than it was in the two preceding months. The mean tem- |
|  |  | 55 | 115 | 55 | SE | Ditto | .16 | perature was about a degree below the average; but there was |
|  | 73 | 51 53 | 110 | 46 | SW | Ditto |  | a bundance of sunshine, and a moderate quantity of rain. The |
|  | 62 | 45 | 70 | 42 | SE | Ditto | .14 | 5th was very sultry, with a remarkaty duskepearance, as is usually |
|  | 73 | 47 | 101 | 42 | N | Ditto | . 02 | the case. Heavy rain fell on the 18th. The 23rd was squally, |
|  | 69 | 55 | 100 | 55 | NW | Brisk |  | with cold showers. |
|  |  | 52 56 | 68 | 51 | N | Little |  |  |
|  | 67 | 56 | 109 76 | 53 | NW | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.928 inches. |
|  | 76 | 53 | 95 | 54 50 50 | NE | Ditto | . 07 | - Temperature . . . . . . . Ditto. . . . . . $6 \mathbf{6 2}^{\circ} .69$ |
|  | ${ }_{80}^{77}$ | 56 | 89 | 53 | SW | Ditto |  | - Dew Point .......... Ditto. ...... $59^{\circ} \cdot 21$ |
|  | 81 | 58 | 96 | 56 | W | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture. . . . Ditto. . . . . . . . 886 |
|  | 75 | 49 | 85 | 55 | SW | Ditto |  | - Force of Vapour......Ditto....... . 501 inch. |
|  |  | 44 | 78 | 40 | W | Little | . 02 | Least observed degree of Moisture....... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 880 ${ }^{.555}$ |
|  | 66 | 54 | 80 | 53 | SW | Brisk | OI | Maximum Temperature in Temperature in Ditto.......... 40 $^{40}{ }^{\circ}$. |
|  | 65 | 55 | 78 | 53 | W | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $115^{\circ}$. |
|  | 64 | 52 40 | 72 | 51 | SW | Little | . 08 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... $36^{\circ}$. |
|  | 65 | 40 42 | 80 78 | 36 | W | Brisk | . 08 | Mean Temperature of External Air....... $611^{\circ} .88$ |
|  | ${ }^{72}$ | 47 | 81 | 44 | SW | Ditto |  | Winds. |
|  | 72 | 56 | 82 | 53 |  | Ditto | . 10 |  |
|  | 73 | 54 58 58 | 88 | 50 | W | Ditto | . 02 | North......2 days N. East....1 days |
|  | 71 | 53 | 91 80 | 55 | SW | Ditto | . 06 |  |
|  | 71 69 | 49 | 84 | 47 | W | Little | . 07 | West ......99 .. ${ }^{\text {E }}$, West ... 13 |
|  |  |  |  | 43 | SW | Ditto | . 03 |  |
|  | 71.64 | 52.12 | 87.77 | 49.58 |  |  | 1.67 | Amount of Rain ................... 1.67 inch. |

## AUGUST.



## AUGUST.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diyl | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 11834456788910111212131415161718181920212222232425252627282829303131 | 72 | 46 | 81 | 43 | SW | Little |  |  |
|  | 62 | 52 | 72 | 50 | - | Ditto | . 02 | This month was very favourable for the growth of vegetation. |
|  | 62 | 54 | 72 | 51 |  | Ditto | 1.03 | The mean temperature was a degree above the average. The |
|  | 68 | 46 | 71 | 45 |  | Brisk | . 18 | amount of rain was upwards of an inch above the usual quantity. |
|  | 72 | 53 | 75 | 50 | W | Little | . 02 | It fell for the most part in large quantities at a time. The 3 d |
|  | 70 | 42 | 83 | 39 |  | Ditto |  | was boisterous and showery, with some hail in the forenoon; |
|  | 75 80 | 58 | 78 | 42 | SW | Ditto |  | thunder, and heavy rain commenced at $2 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$. and continued till |
|  | 82 | 57 | 98 | 56 | S | Ditto |  | upwards of an inch had fallen. Nearly as much fell on the 23d, |
|  | 68 | 44 | 76 | 40 | NE | Ditto |  | with wind sometimes boisterous. The |
|  | 72 | 46 | 90 | 44 | N | Ditto |  | vivid lightning on the night of the gth. There was also thunder |
|  | 77 | 47 | 93 | 42 | SE | Ditto |  | on the 15 th, 16th, and much lightning on the night of the 25 th. |
|  | 78 | 60 | 90 | 58 | SE | Ditto |  |  |
|  | 79 | 59 | 90 | 56 | E | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.931 inches. |
|  | 82 74 | 60 | 93 | 54 | S | Ditto | . 61 | - Temperature. . . . . . . . . Ditto. . . . . . $6 . .640^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} .60$ |
|  | 74 80 80 | 55 | 98 100 | 54 | SW | Ditto | . 16 | - Dew Poin . . . . . . . . . .Ditto. . . . . $3^{\circ} .76$ |
|  | 84 | 59 | 100 | 56 | E | Ditto |  | — Degree of Moisture. . Ditto...... . 877 |
|  | 84 | 61 | 103 | 58 |  | Ditto | . 01 | -_Force of Vapour ..... Ditto...... 524 inch. |
|  | 72 | 47 | 88 | 43 | S | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture..... $0_{0} .514$ |
|  | 71 | 49 | 91 | 45 | NW | Ditto | . 02 | Maximum Temperature in the Shade. . . $84{ }^{\circ}$ |
|  | 62 | 45 | 66 | 42 | S | Strong | . 22 | Minimum Temperature in ditto. . . . . . $42^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
|  | 69 73 | 53 | 84 | 52 | - | Little | . 95 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ..... $103{ }^{\circ}$ |
|  | 71 | 46 | 89 | 42 | W | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation .... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ( $3^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} .36$ |
|  | 75 | 56 | 94 | 54 | S | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of Externa Air .... |
|  | 75 | 47 | 94 | 42 | SW | Brisk | . 01 | Winds. |
|  | 71 | 59 | 94 | 44 | NW | Little |  | North ...... 3 days N. East..... 1 days |
|  | 74 | 59 | 90 | 5 | SW | Ditto | . 05 |  |
|  | 77 82 | 61 | 94 | 58 | - | Ditto |  | East. . . . . . West . . . . 3 |
|  |  | 56 | 103 | 53 | SE | Ditto |  | West....... 3 \| |
|  | 73.96 | 52.77 | 88.00 |  |  |  | 3.28 | Amount of Rain .................... 3.28 inches. |

## SEPTEMBER.



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OCTOBER.


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## DECEMBER.



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## Monthly Mean Pressure, Temperature, and Dew Point, \&c. of 1843; deduced from the Observations recorded in the preceding Journal.

| 1843. <br> Months. | Pressure. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Temperature. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Mean at |  |  | Mean of the three Observations. | In the Sbade. |  |  | Mean at |  |  | Mean <br> of the <br> three <br> Observs | In Sun's Rays. |  | Terrestrial Radiation. |  | Mat |
|  | Max | Min. | Med. | m. | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  | Max. | Min. | Med. | Morn. | Noon, | Night. |  | Max. | Min. | Max. | Min. | Rup. |
| Jan. | 30.502 | 28.1812 | 29.755 | 2.321 | 29.779 | 29.771 | 29.750 | $29 \cdot 766$ | 56 | 19 | 39.67 | $38 \cdot 38$ | $43 \cdot 58$ | t0.06 | 40.67 | 59 | 40 | 48 |  | 37.81 |
| Feb. | 30.040 | 28.848 | 29.585 | 1.192 | 29.582 | $29 \cdot 569$ | 29. $5^{84}$ | 29.578 | 54 | 16 | 36.28 | 34.89 | 40.213 | 33.78 | 36.35 | 61 | 31 | 44 | 10 | 60 |
| March | 30.380 | $29 \cdot 3412$ | 29.862 | 1.039 | 29.865 | 29.862 | 29.859 | 29.852 | 67 | 18 | 43.20 | 40.90 | 50.00 | 40.77 | $43 \cdot 91$ | 78 | 39 | 45 | 12 | 62 |
| April | 30.140 | 29.305, | 29.800 | 0.835 | 29.791 | 29.792 | 29.820 | 29.801 | 70 | 22 | 47.88 | 48.50 | 55.10 | 44.88 | $49 \cdot 42$ | 80 | 52 | 49 | 16 | . 19 |
| May . | 30. | 29.258 | 29.749 | 0.926 | 29.750 | 29.747 | 29.754 | 29.750 | 70 | 29 | 52.23 | 54.00 | $59 \cdot 74$ | 49.00 | 54.24 | 85 | 49 | 54 | 26 | .59\% |
| June. | 30.160 | 29.223 | 29.810 | 0.937 | 29.817 | 29.815 | 29.805 | 29.812 | 76 | 38 | 56.85 | 58.53 | 64.03 | 54.06 | 58.87 | 100 | 56 | 57 | 3 |  |
| July. | 30.249 | $29 \cdot 457$ | 29.934 | 0.792 | 29.922 | 29.928 | 29.934 | 29.928 | 88 | 40 | 61.88 | 62.54 | 469.32 | 56.22 | 62.69 | 115 | 68 | 58 | 36 | $1.67$ |
| Aug. | 30.23 | 29.412 | 29.935 | 0.825 | 29.909 | 29.952 | 29.933 | 29.931 | 84 | 42 | $63 \cdot 36$ | 63.64 | 41.09 | 58.35 | $64 \cdot 36$ | 103 | 71 | 59 | 39 | $\text { -9 } 9$ |
| Sept. | 30.50 | 29.681 | 30.116 | 0.828 | 30.134 | 30.119 | 30.106 | 30.120 | 85 | 32 | 61.90 | 59.20 | 09.43 | 56.53 | 61.72 | 104 | 71 | 61 |  |  |
| Oct. | 30.343 | 29.090 | 29.708 | 1.253 | 29.709 | 29.702 | 29.707 | 29.706 | 73 | 22 | 48.49 | $47 \cdot 35$ | 554.90 | 45.03 | 49.09 | 95 | 45 |  | 16 |  |
| Nov. | 30.381 | 29.275 | 29.819 | 1.106 | 29.823 | 29.807 | 29.824 | 29.818 | 59 | 21 | 43.63 | 42.03 | 347.50 | 41.10 | $43 \cdot 54$ | 73 | 44 | 53 | $17$ |  |
| Dec | $30.49^{8}$ | 29.664 | 30.31 | 0.834 | 30.331 | 30.311 | 30.305 | 30.315 | 58 | 27 | 43.82 | 42.45 | $547 \cdot 48$ | 13.03 | $44 \cdot 32$ | 66 | 44 | 48 |  |  |
| Aver. | 30.301 | 29.227 | 29.865 | 1.074 | 29.867 | 29.864 | 429.865 | 29.865 | 70.0 | 27.16 | $49 \cdot 92$ | $49 \cdot 37$ | 756.03 | 36.87 | 50.76 | 84. | 0. | 52.66 | 2 |  |


| $1843 .$ <br> Vonths. | Hygrometer indicating Dew Point. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Scale of the Winds. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean Dew Puint at |  |  | Mean Dew Point | Mean Force of Vapour. | Mean degree of Dryness. | Mean degree of Moisture. | Least degree of Muisture. | N. | N. E. | E. | S. E. | S. | S. W., | w. | N.W. | Days* | Ia. Pis |
|  | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 38.19 | 42.68 | 40.06 | 40.31 | . 253 | 0.36 | 973 | 800 | 2 | $\bigcirc$ | 1 | $\bigcirc$ | 3 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 31 | . 33 |
| Feb. | 34.00 | 38.39 | 33.78 | $35 \cdot 39$ | . 211 | 0.90 | 968 | 600 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 28 | 2.58 |
| March | 39.64 | 43.68 | 40.19 | 41.17 | . 261 | 2.74 | 903 | 577 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 0.4 1.62 |
| April | 46.26 | 46.47 | 44.50 | 45.78 | . 310 | 3.64 | 878 | 394 | 3 | 4 | 6 | $\bigcirc$ | 4 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 30 | 5.26 |
| May . | 52.78 | 54.26 | 48.68 | 51.90 | . 368 | 2.34 | 919 | 497 | $\bigcirc$ | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 31 | 1.68 |
| June. | 54.63 | 56.33 | 53.96 | 54.97 | . 430 | 3.90 | 870 | 306 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 1.6\% |
| July - | 59.74 | 61.74 | 56.16 | 59.21 | . 501 | 3.48 | 886 | 555 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 9 | 2 | 31 |  |
| Aug. | 61.38 | 62.13, | . 58.29 | 60.60 | - 524 | 3.76 | 877 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 31 | 0.93 |
| Sept. | 58.57 | 60.36 | 56.33 | 58.42 | . 487 | 3.30 | 893 | 503 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 30 | 0.9 4.19 |
| Ocr. | 47.26 | 50.26 | 45.03 | 47.51 | -330 | 1.58 | 994 | 471 | 0 | 4 | 1 | - | 4 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 31 | 2.13 |
| Nov. | $4^{1.63}$ | 4580 | 41.10 | 42.84 | .278 | 0.70 | 975 | 661 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 30 | 0.58 |
| Dec. . | 42.45 | 46.74 | 43.03 | 44.07 | . 290 | 0.24 | 972 | 829 | 1 | $\bigcirc$ | - | 2 | 6 | 14 | 7 | 1 | 31 |  |
| Aver. | 48.04 | 50.73 | 46.77 | 48.51 | . 353 | 2.24 | 925 | 558 | 28 | 43 | 43 | 13 | 48 | 106 | 58 | 26 | 365 |  |

XI. A Calendar, for four months, of the Weather, Natural History and Country Operations, at Foo-chow-foo. - By G. Tradescant Lay, Esq., Her Majesty's Acting Consul at that place.
(Communicated by the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Aberdeen.)

For the following document the Society is indebted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, to whom it was transmitted by His Excellency J. S. Davis, Governor of Hong Kong.

In the present state of our communications with China all facts relating to the climate and natural productions of that empire are of great interest ; and most especially to the Horticultural Society, now that Mr. Fortune has been stationed in China for the purpose of collecting seeds and plants.
It is only necessary to add that the Calendars are printed exactly as they were received, with the exception of a few verbal errors of no importance.


## for July, 1844.

| OBSERVATIONS ON HUSBANDRY. | FRUITS, FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES IN SEASON. | ANIMAL KINGDOM. | EVENTS AND GENERAL REMARKS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In the early part of the month the unreaped crops of rice are shorn down. The sickle is short, of small curvatare and compared with that of the mglish, very ineffectual. It is wielded by females as well as males. | The assortment of fruit small. The plums of a rich purple and of a most grateful taste, are now in season, and cover the stalls and benches in profusion. Pines are brought hither chiefly it is said from Formosa. Po. megranates serve now to deck the table, but are of small size and little flavour. | The voice of the "Hwang pong chow," or Red-winged pie is heard among the fir-trees, and is so peculiar that it is difficult to find a similitude. It is something compounded of a sob, a howl and the dying beats of a bell. When displeased it utters a peculiar clucking mixed with the scolding of a cat. | 1st. Arrive at Foo chow, take up our quarters at the office of a salt monopolist on leit bank of river. <br> 3. Meet the Superintendent of Trade. |
| The setting out of the second crop of rice continues till nearly the close of the month. The blades and precocions ears are cut of and thrown down by the roots. | The Jasminum Grandiflorum, or " Mo le wah," is now in its prime, culti. vated in ridges for a garniture of tables. <br> The Vegetable most abundant now is the Convolvulus reptans, or "Oungtsy" of the natives. It is grown not in water as at Canton, but on beds, where it yields many a snowwhite blossom. It is very wholesome and relished by all. The large "Tung-kwa," or vegetable marrow is abundant and very large, some. times a foot and a half in length and about a third in diameter. The Luffa acutangnla is now in prime. These are grown over Leeks on a kind of roofing. Leeks shaded by the Goards are plentiful, being ent three or four times a year. | A large forked-tailed fly-catcher, with his mate, perches on the topmost shoots of a tall tree, and from time to time soars aloft in quest of in. sects and then with a sweep returns back to his mate. <br> A Hawk which seems to be ídentical with the Kestrel, utters a note which resembles that of the wry-neck, while it darts from the tall-trees to tease the fishing hawk, whose cry may always be heard, but mostly in the moraing. <br> Dragon-fies of red, green and blue tints, skim over pools of water, or flutter along the fences. A member of the Day-fly, or Hemerobius family, with long antennæ, is seen among dragon-fies, which it much resembles in external appearance. It is new to me. <br> The field spider (Tagenaira) spreads its net, an inverted cone, among the long grass everywhere. | 8. Remove to salt monopolist's resisidence on left bank above the bridge. <br> 13. Met the Governcr General. <br> Saw fishing Cormorants on rafts for first time. |
| 87. Saw a peasant turning in the stabble with the "Lonk toak," or "kah 100 ," a roller armed with rows of wooden teeth or pins, like the bar. ret of a hand-organ. Men employed haming "Yay Moy," or oily grain mong Tobacco and other spots, in a treach opened by a hoe or mattock. |  |  | . |
| Nouthen hard by employed in storing ad loouling salt for the interior. <br> th that accompanies working of the feall. |  |  |  |


| Day of month. | Therm. | Barom. | Hygrometric state. | Wind. | SKY, CLOUDS, MISTS, RAIN AND ELECTRIC PHENOMENA. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | max. $911^{\circ}$ | 29.49 | Very dry | S. East | Cumuli or fleecy clouds, with mists, which are clouds conching over the city. |
| ${ }^{2}$ | a 91 <br> $\quad 93$ | -. 43 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 4 | $\because$ $\therefore \quad 93$ | --. 56 |  | $\cdots$ | Rain fell in the night. |
| 5 | - 93 | -. 66 | Less dry | .. | Nimbose clouds. |
| 6 | . 88 | -. 60 |  | . | Showery in the afternoon. |
| 8 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { - } 92 \\ \hdashline \quad 92\end{array}$ | -60 -.60 | Very dry | $\because$ | Cloudy. <br> Morning bright. |
| 8 | a $\therefore \quad 92$ $\therefore \quad 92$ | -.60 |  | $\cdots$ | In the morning, rainbow over the city; day showery. |
| 10* | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} 89 \\ \text { * Min. ob- } \\ \text { served this } \\ \text { night, } 83^{\circ} . \end{array}\right\|$ | -. 56 |  | Morning, <br> S. East. Evening, N. East. | Morning bright; afternoon cloudy. In an evening walk noticed large massive clouds, brooding over the valley, on this side the southern range of hills. On a sudden the wind, then southerly, veered to the north, and huge volumes of sable coloured vapour made their appearance over the city. A stagation ensued, which lasted a few minutes, as if the atmospheric columns were vibrating between a double and opposite course; a shower followed, but did not last long. In the night the rain fell in torrents and the wind blew tempestuonsly. The air was chill, but had not a portable thermometer to as. certain the temperature, which I regret. |
| 11 |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} -.36 \\ -.38 \\ -.38 \\ -.43 \\ \text { Fall in } \\ \text { Barom. } \\ \text { followed } \\ \text { the gale. } \end{array}$ | Noapparent change in dryness. | North | Sky, at sunrise, hazy and nimbose, black clouds skirting the hills behind the city. Wind strong and gusty. At $80^{\prime}$ clock, A. M., rain had ceased. 10 A. M., rain, with a mist over the city. P. M., nim, with blinks and gleams of sunshine. Air cold to sense; wiad hushed. Thunder and lightaing in the night; chilly. |
| 12 |  | $\begin{aligned} & -.61 \\ & -.67 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Haze; detached fragments and sheets of cloud invest the sky. The largest and most sombre mases overhang the city, the focus and centre, around which atmospheric charges seem to play. |
| 13 | Sunrise 82 <br> P. M. 90 | -. 67 |  |  | Morning, gray dew on the grass. Calm and massy clouds in the evening. Much foam foating dowa the river. |
| 15 | Not at | home. |  |  |  |
| 16 | Mora. 94 | -. 69 | Very dry |  | Clouds threaten rain, being of a nimbose character. |
| 17 | 94 | -. 73 |  |  | Sultry in the morning, succeeded by a haze; clear at noon. |
| 18 | 92 | -. 69 |  |  | Day fine and sultry. |
| 10 | 94 | -. 62 |  |  | P. M., a shower. Clouds red at sunset; evening fine. |
| 21 | $\begin{gathered} \text { A. } \\ \text { ( M. } \\ \text { M. } 89 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -.36 \\ & -.51 \end{aligned}$ | Draught of theairscalds the face. |  | Morning gray and sultry. At noon a shower, during which the barometer and fell, which is unusual, as showers are so local, that they affect not these columns, in general, at the place. Evening showery. |
| 22 | A. M. 69 | -. 45 |  | N. East | Day ushered in by a drizzling shower; afterwards intermitting between subshine and Evening showery. |
| 23 | A. M. 82 stationary | $\overline{\mathrm{fell}} \frac{41}{100}$ |  | S., gusty | Much rain hadfallen in the night. Day throughout rainy. |
| 24 | A. M. 81 | -. 65 |  | Calm At sunset N. East. | Had rained steadily in a calm night. The nimbose sheet parting a little in the sonth, through between seven and eight. Afternoon fine; heavy shower at sunset, and shift of wiod. |
| 25 | Sunrise 82 <br> P. M. 88 | -82 |  | S. Eust | Fine, breeze refreshing. |
| 26 | Subrise 82 Noon 90 | -.72 |  | 8. East | Morning fine; breeze fresh; shower in the evening. |
| 27 | Noon 87 | Station ary |  | S. East | Morning showery. Rainbows, primary and secondary, bestriding the city. green. |
| $\begin{gathered} 28 \\ 39 \\ 30 \end{gathered}$ | P. M. 89 Not at P. M. 90 | home. |  |  | Morning hazy; day hot and clear. |
| 31 | P. M. 90 |  |  |  |  |

for August, 1844.

| OBSERVATIONS OF HUSBANDRY AND GARDENING. | FRUITS AND FLOWERS IN SEASON. | ANIMAL KINGDOM. | EVENTS AND GENERAL REMARKS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Peamants employed about the Rice crop; the women on hoeing, the men it replanting where it has failed, thinning where the tafts are too dease, in stirring the soil around the root, and wrapping it up in decayed straw: the last is very laborious, as the workman kneels the while in the mad and water. <br> The water-whee, for irrigation, complains of an ungreased axle, in counds that fill every corner of the ralley. |  |  | During the storm, a house, ignited by the falling down of a lantern, spread the flames till thirty shared the same fate. The buildings being of wood, no small effort on the part of the ml . litary, who comprise a Fire Brigade, to extinguish the flames, was required. <br> Fires are infrequent; a remarkable fact, as the houses are chiefly timber, the air dry, and the people crowded. |
| Tobacco cut, and dried by interlacing the leares in hurdles to keep them tat. The stump of the plant is left to throw ont a few shoots. <br> The olly grain in flower. It needs the boe but little, as few weeds venture to apring up near it. <br> The sogar cane in foll luxuriance. <br> The gourds and melons mentioned in | Longans, much esteemed and pientiful, now begin to shew themselver at table. <br> Plums continue, but disappear towards the close of the month. | A black silky Ant, with its thorax armed with spines, and the free mid. riff joint, with three prongs, like a Chinese halberd, is seen coursing over the shrubs and bushes in search of glandular juices or the cutaneous excretion of the Coccus. Its nest, made of paper, compounded of mashed fibre, saliva and leaves and sticks, hangs on trees and fences. | Visited the highest hill within the bason-like valley of Foo-chow, and observed that the rock is porphyritic, chiefly of felspar, which, disintegrating, crumbles into a fine red clay. The "Gazelle," sent by Capt. Gribble, to enquire for our welfare arrives. She had experienced very heavy weather, and witnessed great fluctuations in the barometer during the gale. |
| in the foregoing month, continue with the Momordica charantia. | A small green fruit, which the natives call Yew kang, is seen on stalls, (from Amoy). <br> The Indian Shot, very common here, is now in flower, as is also a species of Mirabilis. <br> Pears may be seen upon the trees in here and there an enclosure, but they are small, hard and tasteless. <br> A large kind serves to adorn the greengrocer's board, which, it is said, are from the South, but they are scarcely to be eaten by a foreigner. <br> Towards the end of the month Guavas are gathered green and ripen on the benches. | The white Crane, very common, with several of a veined plumage. The former amuses itself by catching the flies, which settle upon Cows while at pasture. | "Gazelle" starts. The Chinese spinsters pray " New Lang" to bestow on them ingenuity, and in order to know whether the divinity listens to their vows, each strives to thread a needle behind her head. If she chance to hit the eye of the needle, her parents and friends congratulate her; if she misses, they think the opening talents of the young maid will fall short of their wishes. In Se-chuen young ladies put a spider into a box and hold it while they recite a prayer to New Lang. If the spider has in the meantime begun to spin a web, they deem it a good omen. Music and processions at night. <br> The " Petrel," belonging to Messrs. Dent and Co, anchors at the Lo sing Pagoda. <br> Mr. Braine arriver at Foo.chow, with a view of making enquiries as to the prospects of trade. |

# Outlines of Calendar 

| Day of month. | Therm. |  | Barom. | Hygrometric state. | Wind. | SKY, CLOUDS, RAIN, MISTS, AND ELECTRIC PHENOMENA, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Min. | Max. |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 82 | 90 | 29.72 | Dry | N. East | Morning and day clear |
| 2 | 82 | 90 | -. 72 | -• | -• | Morning clear, in the evening clouds rose in the North and followed each other in quick ancceraion. Wind at that time easterly. A gentleman remarked that it was going to blow from the South agin. |
| - 3 | 83 | 89 | -. 63 | -• | - | A fresh breeze has been blowing all night from the South, which accounts for the Therm. being at sunrise 2 degrecs above its usual average, 82 . The sky bore a nimbose aspect all day. Wind gusty in the Evening. The night cloudy, but not so as to obscure the moon. |
| 4 | 86 | 88 | -. 60 | $\cdots$ | A calm <br> S. East | Sun breaking from between the clouds in the Morning. In the Afternoon, heavy rain with thuader and lightning. |
| 3 | 84 | 88 | -. 66 | -• | S. East | Morn, clouds dispersing and the sun shining. In the Afternoon, a shower, evening, fine. |
| 6 | 84 | 88 | $-.68$ | - | .. | Morn, fine, at first clouded agreeably, as clouds by their interposition screen the earth. |
| 7 | 80 | 81 | $-.70$ | - | Newly calm S. East | Day cloudy. Is the unnsual coolness of this day owing to the clouds? Night cool, sky overcast with dark motionless clouds. |
| 8 | 78 | Not obsvd. | $-.74$ | $\cdots$ | S. East | Day cloudy. This fall in the Therm. and rise in the Barom. betokens a Northerly wind. Moletare fell in the night. |
| 9 | - | 89 | $-.78$ | - | - | Day throughout with sky overcast, but no rain fell. |
| 10 | Not | at | home. | - | N. East | Rainy and cold on the ridge of the hills. |
| 11 | - | 78 | $-.78$ | - | N. and NE. | No rain at Foo.chow. Sky cloudy. The clouds of the cold-region wind, that is, strato-cumali lone above, even below, menace rain without falling into a rain cloud- |
| 12 | 74 | - | -0.78 | - | N. East | Sky overcast. The foam and color of the water indicate that rain has fallen up the bason of the rives Min, i. e. on the hills to the westward. |
| 13 | Not | at | home. | -• | - | Rain, clouds, and piping winds at the Monastery. |
| 14 | - | 80 | -. 78 | $\cdots$ | - | Day, a mixture of fine and cloudy. |
| 15 | 75 | - | $-.78$ | $\cdots$ | - | Morn overcast. Breeze fresh and cool. |
| 16 | - | 86 | $-.76$ | - | S. East | Morn, sky covered with hard-seeming clouds, clear as the day sprang up. |
| $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & \text { to } \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | - | 83 | $-.76$ | - | N. East | Sky clear with occasional variations of that dark-stoned and apparently solid mantle, which is pecalisu to the $N$. wind in northern latitudes, as it is to the $S$. in southern latitudes. |
| 21 | - | 82 | $-.78$ | $\cdots$ | - | Morn, light rain accompanied a cloudy dawn, or, the cloud was so low as to couch upon the sarfice of the earth. Day hot and misty. |
| 29 | Not | obser | red. | $\cdots$ | - | Day very hot and misty. |
| 23 | - | 89 | $-.79$ | * | ** | Day, very hot and multry. |
| 20 | - | 88 | $-.78$ | * | * | Weather fine and cheerly. The North-East Monsoon fairly set in. |
| 28 | 84 | 88 | -. 79 | $\cdots$ | ** | Day, fine and sultry. |
| 29 | 84 | 88 | $-.79$ | - | $\cdots$ | Day, fine and sultry. |
| 30 | 180 | 84 | -. 89 |  |  | Day fine. |

## for September, 1844.

## OBSERVATIONS <br> OF HUSBANDRY AND GARDENING.

If this month the beds of the Convolvulus reptans, or Oung-tsy of this phec are cleared and the soil turned up for planting the "pak tsae," or Chinese Turnip.
These are first sown and then transplanted, as are all vegetables belongiog to the Cruciferous family.

The stakes and roofings as substitutes for trellis work which supported the difterent kinds of gourds and melons are cleared away and the Leeks, which they shaded, begin to lose their freshneas and beauty.

The fields of rice that formed such an object of solicitude in the preceding months, are now comparatively quiet, rejoicing in one conthaity of the richest green.
still the farmers are not asleep, men and women are seen in the fields rarching for weeds that may spring up unawares.
The hooing of sweet potatoes and the training of their stems form a part of the husbandman's business now.
To water the roots and stir the euth has an obvious tendency to nune the tabers, while the care bestowed on the tops is with a reference to their usefulness in affording provasder for pigs.
The Bleocharis tuberosa blossoms in them month. It jointed rushlike them inakes it appear unique amongst phatations of rice.
White awned and red awned rice in the ther, these are planted later than comint to the of rice, and are later in combat to the sickle. They are called "sook" by the natives; the latter crop just beginning to open. This is whed "wang ching me;" or, otherWhe, "tew," the Fochow pronunJob's tea the Mandarin "trou." lob's tears, grown here for the sake ot the Involucres, or enamelledsheath Notes very charminge some of the rice once in fryit charmingly, as it is at are softy turne flower. The leaves are softly turned and luxuriant; the menceral forms. These bodding their then's own torning These beads of nahusis own tarning are in yequest for
thatits.

## FRUITS AND FLOWERS IN SEASON.

The Longans are gathered in this month and are met with in profusion every where.
The zeal and joy that accompanied the plucking of this fruit remind one of greater things; the Autumn at home; and, the Grape gatherings in the East. A fortnight, or three weeks before they are plucked, lodges are built to guard them from thieves, props are placed under their boughs and their trunks surrounded with a ruff of thorns.
The Guavas are gathered generally before they are ripe, for the sake of economy. When taken from the tree with a nice attention to their color and form, they prove very acceptable, but if bought from the stall they are little esteemed.

Various kinds of Toad-stools are gathered among the Fir-trees by the peasantry, their color is yellow, with a mixture of red.
They are dried before they are fit to eat.

Leeks are very abundant. The piktsae is fit for the table, as is also the sweet potatoe.

The po-tsy, or Spinach appears.
The Brinjal is grown here, but is not remarkable for size or goodness.

## ANIMAL KINGDOM.

Magpies monlt in the early part of this month and are consequently seen moping in silence, or uttering a plaint or two as if heart-sick. In about afortnight they overcome their indisposition, gain a new suit of feathers and hold their noisy levees on the sides of the hills with great spirit and fire.

The calls of the Shrike or Butcher bird are heard occasionally.
Soon after Sunrise he indulges the feathered tribes with a song, but he is so shy of letting his powers be known that 1 am not aware any Naturalist, except the writer, ever noticed it.

The white Herons assemble and wheel round as if mustering their numbers for an aery jaunt, though it is not apparent that all leave for Southern regions. The fishing hawks assemble at day-fall and wheel round in 2 kind of social pastime, or a trial of their powers, as they soar to a great elevation. Swallows begin to meditate a migratory journey.
In this month, the Cicadx, seated upon the Fir-trees make the groves and copses resound. As the old ones die, younger ones emerging from their humble condition in holes of the ground, leave their last garments behind and after a few hours climb to the tops of the trees.
Song of the Throstle, "Osheput" of Canton, and "Ching chow" of this place is heard at day-spring. The notes are mellow and heart-cheering. They may be set down in diatonic scale thus.
Song of the Chinese Throstle.


I am told that there is a current of old Spanish Dollars running from Chin. chew or Chean chow at the rate of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ lac per month; some hoards must have been ransacked to supply this stream. Mr. Braine starts for the Pagoda, to join the " Petrel."
The fleet of Junks, from Ningpo and other places on the Coast, begins to diminish, as the Shipmen are wishful to save some of the Monsoon.

Started a fine hare amongst the firtrees.

Yisit the Monastery of Koo-shan seated in a romantic spot.
(20) Pablic examination in the Four Books takes place to day. The Candidates assemble to write essays at night. Other classice on each alternate day till the 29th.
Emperor's birth-day; but little etir about it in vicinity. "Proserpine" Steamer arrives.
"Proserpine" leaven to take her station at the mouth of the Min, to await the arrival of the "Castor" with His Excellency the Chief Superintendent.

| Day of month. | Therm. |  | Barom. | Hygrometric state. | Wind. | SKY, CLOUDS, MISTS, RAIN AND ELECTRIC PHENOMENA. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Min. | Max |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | - | 77 | 29.35 | Dry | N. East | Cloudy with light showers. |
| $\underset{3}{2}$ | \} Not | at | home. | -• | . | Weather fine; wind strong, which at times brought clouds from the North. |
| 4 | - | 84 | -. 83 | -• | - | Day îne. |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 6 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\}$ Not | at | home. | .. | - | Weather bright and fair at the entrance of the River, where the Proserpine is lying. |
| 8 | - | 86 | -. 60 | - | - | Sky overcast doring the day. |
| 9 | Not | at | home. | - | - |  |
| 10 | - | 80 | $-.93$ | Very dry | - | City enveloped in mist all day. |
| 11 | Not | taken |  | . | . |  |
| 12 | Not | taken. |  | - | - | Sky overcast at various times during the day. |
| 13 | Not | taken. |  | Dry | . |  |
| 14 | - | 81 | -. 87 | - | - | Day cloudy. |
| 13 | - | 81 | -.87 | - | - | Ditto. |
| 16 | - | 81 | $-.83$ | - | -• | Ditto. |
| 17 | - | 80 | -. 83 | Very dry | . | The sky clearer today. The surrounding hills seem to cause that prevalence of haze so common bere in this month. |
| 18 | - | 80 | -. 81 | - | . | Sky during the day, alternating between fine and cloudy. |
| 19 | - | 84 | -.79 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | Day fine. |
| 20 | - | 83 | -. 83 | . | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Noon, NE. } \\ & \text { and E. } \end{aligned}$ | Dark clouds with their edges colored red, usher in the sunrise. Sky clear and cool throughout the tef. Strong southerly breezes at noon. |
| 21 | - | 78 | -. 83 | - | N. East |  |
| 22 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (Sun } \\ & \% 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (rise) } \\ & i 0 \end{aligned}$ | -. 83 | - | - | 4. AM. Showery. The weather feels cold to sense. Cloudy. |
| 23 | - | 83 | $-.82$ | -• | - | Dew on the grass. Day fine, clear, and warm. |
| 24 | - | 89 | -. 84 | - | -• | Dew on the grans at sunrise. Midday fine. PM. Sky overcast with a cloud that reached to the grow Night clear and cold. Wind rising: the couching vapour merely the forerunner of a colder shard breeze. |
| 25 | 64 | 72 | -.87 | - | $\cdots$ | Day cloudy; evening sombre, followed by a cloudy night. |
| 86 | - | 72 | -. 87 | Less dry | - | Day fine; cloady at night; about midnight, rain. |
| ${ }^{97}$ | 70 | 71 | -.87 | - | $\cdots$ | Air less chilly in the morning: night very mild, fine. |
| 28 | - | 82 | -84 | -• | - | Day fine mist over the City. Evening, clouds threatened rain, but it was only the precurser |
| 99 | - | 33 | $-83$ | - | -• | A fog in the morning. Fiue and sultry, mid-day. Showery at day-fall. |
| 30 | 72 | 2 | $-36$ | - | - | Day cold and overcast. Mist heavy and cheeriess over the city. |
| 91 | 72 | 80 |  |  | S. East | A sense of warmeth in the atmosphere and the previous night was mild. Noon and afternooa cheerly. |

## for October, 1844.



## XII. Notes made in the Garden of the Horticultural Society upon the rate of growth by plants at different periods of the day.

 Second Series. - By John Lindley, Ph. D., F. R. S.I
$I_{N}$ a previous part of this Volume has been given a detailed account of certain observations upon the growth of plants, and of the inferences which appeared to be deducible from them. Those observations were however made upon plants placed in the atmosphere of a stove, and therefore it appeared desirable to institute a similar enquiry into the rate of growth in the open air, under the ordinary conditions to which vegetation is exposed in this climate.
For this purpose one specimen of each of the following species, viz., the Hop, Vine, Sweet Willow, Scarlet Running Kidney Bean, Fig, Jerusalem Artichoke, and Gourd, was planted in front of a vinery in a sheltered situation favourable for their quiet growth, and their increase in length was noted three times daily. The periods for the observations were fixed at 4 o'clock in the morning so as to ascertain the growth during darkness, at noon so as to obtain the growth in the cooler part of the day, and at 8 P. M., up to which period the plants would have been exposed to the influence of the hottest and driest part of the 24 hours.

The duty of watching the experiments was intrusted to Mr. Joseph Holmes who examined the plants most carefully for two months, during which time 1011 observations were collected. It has not however appeared necessary to print at length the August observations, because they convey no information beyond what is furnished by the July experiments, as detailed in the following tables.

## Observations on the growth of the Hop，taken at 4 A．M．（Night）， 12 Noon （Morning），and 8 P．M．（Afternoon），during July， 1844.

| NIGHT． |  |  |  | MORNING． |  |  | AFTERNOON． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\sim}{\dot{\infty}}$ | 号 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 4 A．M． | 部 |  | Remarls on the Weather at 12 Noon． | 涼 |  | Remarks on the Weather at $8 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$ ． |
| Jul. | In． |  |  | In． | ．． |  | In． .95 |  | Overcast |
| 3 | 1.33 | $56 \frac{1}{4}$ | Cloudy | ． 95 | 59 | Cloudy，little wind | ． 26 | 60 | Ditto，calm |
| 4 | ． 49 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Rainy | ． 91 | 61 | Ditto，brisk wind | 1.13 | $63 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy |
| 5 | ． 63 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast | ． 85 | 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，little wind | 3.32 | 62 | Ditto |
| 6 | ． 95 | 55 | Cloudy | ． 55 | 60 | Ditto，calm | 1.04 | $63 \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto，mild |
| 7 | ． 78 | 59 | Overcast，mild | ． 90 | 621 | Overcast，calm | 3.94 | 63 | Rain |
| 8 | ． 70 | 57 | Ditto | ． 95 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear at intervals | 2.08 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，calm |
| 9 | 1.35 | 61娄 | Cloudy，calm | 3.08 | 65 | Very fine sun，little wind | 2.52 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，ditto，mild |
| 10 | ． 63 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，（dew） | ． 70 | 58 | Ditto and light clouds | 2.18 | 67 ？ | Cloudy，mild |
| 11 | 3.15 | 63 | Clear，mild | 1.55 | 66 | Ditto | 1.85 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto |
| 12 | ． 92 | 601 | Cloudy | ． 94 | 60 | Showery，brisk wind | 2.80 | $60 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，showery |
| 13 | 1.35 | 57 | Ditto | 1.00 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | 1.37 | 62 $\frac{1}{3}$ | Rain |
| 14 | 1.20 | 60 | Clear，brisk wind | 1.15 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，brisk wind | 3.30 | 61 | Clear and fine |
| 15 | 1.28 | 57 | Clear，very fine | 1.44 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear and dry，little wind | 1.83 | 65 | Ditto |
| 16 | ． 44 | 55 | Slightly overcast | ． 83 | 56 | Overcast，little wind | 1.78 | 61 | Ditto |
| 17 | ． 77 | 54 | Clear | 1.64 | 60\％ | Slight haze，little wind | 1.43 | 65 | Cloudy，fine |
| 18 | ． 59 | 56 | Cloudy，calm | 204 | 62 | Very fine，little wind | 2.97 | 62 | Clear |
| 19 | ． 80 | 52 | Ditto | 1.22 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine，thunder shower | 1.14 | 60 | Cloudy，mild |
| 20 | ． 63 | 521 | Clear | ． 78 | 59 | Clear and hot，little wind | 1.80 | 64 $\frac{1}{3}$ | Clear，calm |
| 21 | ． 73 | 54， | Ditto，calm | ． 66 | 612 | Ditto | 1.96 | 641 $\frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto |
| 22 | 2.80 | 55 | Ditto | 2.26 | 66 | Bright sun，sultry | 2.21 | 72 | Bright sun，sultry |
| 23 | 2.75 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | 2.97 | $70 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | 2.70 | $75 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，sultry |
| 24 | 2.14 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Very fine，mild | 1.51 | 711 | Hot，sultry，slight haze | 2.85 | $74 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm |
| 25 | ． 98 | 62 | Foggy，mild | 1.68 | 69 | Ditto | 2.52 | $76 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 26 | 3.63 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，calm | 1.55 | 66娄 | Cloudy，little wind | 1.23 | 66 | Clear，fine |
| 27 | 2.40 | 59 咅 | Cloudy | 1.30 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，very fine，dry | 3.55 | 671 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | Ditto |
| 28 | 3.30 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm | 3.38 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Firse，little wind | 1.36 | 67 | Cloudy，mild |
| 29 | 2.85 | $58 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，slight rain | 1.39 | 63 | Hot and dry，brisk wind | 1.72 | 63 | Clear，fine |
| 30 | 1.75 | 56 | Cloudy | ． 88 | 581 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast，brisk wind | 1.07 | 61 | Showery，cold |
| 31 | ． 70 | 571 | Cloudy，cold wind | 1.06 | $61 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，brisk wind | 1.55 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine，brisk wind |
|  | 42.02 Total． | $54.81$ <br> Average |  | $\begin{aligned} & 40.12 \\ & \text { Total } \end{aligned}$ | 62.62 <br> Average |  | $60.41$ Total. | $\begin{gathered} 65.17 \\ \text { Average } \end{gathered}$ |  |

Greatest night growth on the 26th．
Least

Greatest morning growth on the 28th．
Least

Greatest afternoon growth on the 7th． Least

| Average night growth | 1.44 |
| :--- | :--- |
| morning growth | 1.38 |
|  | afternoon growth |

## Observations on the growth of the Vine，＊taken at 4 A．M．（Night）， 12 Noon（Morning），and 8 P．M．（Afternoon），during July， 1844.

| NIGHT． |  |  |  | MORNING． |  |  | AFTERNOON． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\sim}{\underset{\sim}{\infty}}$ |  |  | Remarks on the Weather at A．M． | 咅 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 12 Noon． | 药 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 8．P．M． |
| Jul | In． |  |  | In． |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { In, } \\ & .13 \end{aligned}$ |  | Overcast |
| 3 | ． 09 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy | ． 05 | 59 | Cloudy，little wind | ． 06 | 60 | Ditto，calm |
| 4 | ． 04 | 561 | Rainy | ． 09 | 61 | Ditto，brisk wind | ． 03 | 63，${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | Cloudy |
| 5 | ． 06 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast | ． 06 | 621 | Ditto，little wind | ． 04 | 62 | Ditto |
| 6 | ． 07 | 55 | Cloudy | 09 | 60 | Ditto，calm | ． 04 | $63 \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto，mild |
| 7 | ． 09 | 59 | Overcast，mild | ． 07 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast，calm | ． 08 | 63 | Rain |
| 8 | ． 08 | 57 | Ditto | ． 05 | $62 \frac{1}{3}$ | Clear at intervals | ． 08 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，calm |
| 9 | ． 06 | 61委 | Cloudy，calm | ． 07 | 65 | Very fine sun，little wind | ． 08 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，ditto，mild |
| 10 | ． 09 | $60 \frac{1}{3}$ | Clear，fine，（dew） | ． 05 | 58 | Ditto and light clouds | ． 03 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 11 | ． 08 | 63 | Clear，mild | ． 06 | 66 | Ditto | ． 07 | $67 \frac{1}{}$ | Ditto |
| 12 | ． 10 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy | ． 09 | 60 | Showery，brisk wind | ． 08 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，showery |
| 13 | ． 10 | 57 | Ditto | ． 08 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 05 | 621 | Rain |
| 14 | ． 11 | 60 | Clear，brisk wind | ． 08 | 612 | Clear，brisk wind | ． 04 | 61 | Clear and fine |
| 15 | ． 12 | 57 | Clear，very fine | ． 04 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear and dry，little wind | ． 03 | 65 | Ditto |
| 16 | ． 08 | 55 | Slightly overcast | ． 07 | 56 | Overcast，little wind | ． 06 | 61 | Ditto |
| 17 | ． 07 | 54 | Clear | ． 04 | 60를 | Slight haze，little wind | ． 03 | 65 | Cloudy，fine |
| 18 | ． 02 | 56 | Cloudy，calm | ． 04 | 62 | Very fine，little wind | ． 04 | 62 | Clear |
| 19 | ． 04 | 52 | Ditto | ． 04 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine，thunder shower | ． 02 | 60 | Cloudy，mild |
| 20 | ． 09 | 523 | Clear | ． 04 | 59 | Clear and hot，little wind | ． 03 | $64 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm |
| 21 | ． 02 | $54 \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto，calm | ． 03 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 04 | 64난 | Ditto |
| 22 | ． 04 | 55 | Ditto | ． 09 | 66 | Bright sun，sultry | ． 07 | 72 | Bright sun，sultry |
| 23 | ． 07 | 621 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 09 | 7012 | Ditto | ． 10 | $75 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，sultry |
| 24 | ． 08 | 651 | Very fine，mild | ． 07 | $71 \frac{1}{2}$ | Hot，sultry，slight haze | ． 11 | 74爯 | Clear，calm |
| 25 | ． 13 | 62 | Foggy，mild | ． 11 | 69 | Ditto ． | ． 16 | $76 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 26 | ． 16 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，calm | ． 18 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，little wind | ． 10 | 66 | Clear，fine |
| 27 | ． 11 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy | ． 07 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，very fine，dry | ． 20 | 67 | Ditto |
| 23 | ． 13 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm | ． 08 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine，little wind | ． 20 | 67 | Cloudy，mild |
| 29 | ． 11 | 581 | Cloudy，slight rain | ． 11 | $63{ }^{2}$ | Hot and dry，brisk wind | ． 09 | 63 | Clear，fine |
| 30 | ． 08 | 56 | Cloudy | ． 05 | $58 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast，brisk wind | ． 04 | 61 | Showery，cold |
| 31 | ． 02 | 571 | Cloudy，cold wind | ． 05 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，brisk wind | ． 03 | 601 | Fine，brisk wind |
|  | 234 <br> Total | 54.81 <br> Average． |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.04 \\ & \text { Total } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 62.62 \\ \text { Average } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.16 \\ & \text { Total. } \end{aligned}$ | 65.17 Average． |  |

Greatest night growth on the 26 th．Greatest morning growth on the 26 th．Greatest afternoon growth on the $27 t h, 23$ th Least 18 th， 21 st and 31 st．Least 21 st．Least

19th．

| Average night growth | .08 |
| :--- | :--- |
| morning growth | .07 |
| afternoon growth | .07 |

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# Observations on the growth of the Sweet Willow，taken at 4 A．M．（Night）， 12 Noon（Morning），and 8 P．M．（Afternoon），during July， 1844. 

| NIGHT． |  |  |  | MORNING． |  |  | AFTERNOON． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\sim}{ \pm}$ | 蔀 |  | Remarks on the Weather at A．A．M | 营 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 12 Noon． | 䂞 |  | Remarks on the Weather at $8 \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{M}$ ． |
| Jul. | In． |  |  | In． | ． |  | In． |  | Overcast |
| 3 | ． 11 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy | ． 16 | 59 | Cloudy，little wind | ． 20 | 60 | Ditto，calm |
| 4 | ． 17 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Rainy | ． 24 | 61 | Ditto，brisk wind | ． 07 | 631 ${ }^{\frac{1}{3}}$ | Cloudy |
| 5 | ． 15 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast | ． 10 | 621 | Ditto，little wind | ． 16 | 62 | Ditto |
| 6 | ． 14 | 55 | Cloudy | ． 14 | 60 | Ditto，calm | ． 15 | $63 \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto，mild |
| 7 | .13 | 59 | Overcast，mild | ， 16 | 623 | Overcast，calm | ． 19 | 63 | Rain |
| 8 | ． 14 | 57 | Ditta | ． 24 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear at intervals | ． 24 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，calm |
| 9 | ． 13 | 612 | Cloudy，calm | ． 17 | 65 | Very fine sun，little wind | ． 25 | 675 | Ditto，ditto，mild |
| 10 | ． 16 | 601 | Clear，fine，（dew） | ． 21 | 58 | Ditto and light clouds | ． 17 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 11 | ． 16 | 63 | Clear，mild | ，28 | 16 | Ditto | ． 41 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto |
| 12 | ． 17 | 60놀 | Cloudy | ． 12 | 60 | Showery，brisk wind | ． 17 | $60 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，showery |
| 13 | ． 12 | 57 | Ditto | ． 33 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 15 | 62 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | Rain |
| 14 | ． 13 | 60 | Clear，brisk wind | ． 13 | $61 \frac{1}{3}$ | Clear，brisk wind | ． 11 | 61 | Clear and fine |
| 15 | ． 11 | 57 | Clear，very fine | ． 12 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear and dry，little wind | ． 35 | 65 | Ditto |
| 16 | ． 18 | 55 | Slightly overcast | ． 18 | 56 | Overcast，little wind | ． 14 | 61 | Ditto |
| 17 | ． 13 | 54 | Clear | ． 12 | 601 | Slight haze，little wind | ． 12 | 65 | Cloudy，fine |
| 18 | ． 10 | 56 | Cloudy，calm | ． 11 | 62 | Very fine，little wind | ． 10 | 62 | Clear |
| 19 | ． 10 | 52 | Ditto | ． 22 | $65 \frac{1}{3}$ | Fine，thunder shower | ． 11 | 60 | Cloudy，mild |
| 20 | ． 09 | $52 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear | ． 12 | 59 | Clear and hot，little wind | ． 10 | 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm |
| 21 | ． 13 | $54 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，calm | ． 13 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 08 | $64 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto |
| 22 | ． 07 | 55 | Ditto | ． 14 | 66 | Bright sun，sultry | ． 23 | 72 | Bright sun，sultry |
| 23 | ． 12 | 62. | Ditto | ． 21 | $70 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 26 | 75 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | Clear，fine，sultry |
| 24 | ． 23 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Very fine，mild | ． 10 | $71 \frac{1}{2}$ | Hot，sultry，slight haze | ． 10 | 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm |
| 25 | ． 15 | 62 | Foggy，mild | ． 13 | 69 | Ditto | ． 10 | $76 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 26 | ． 09 | 661 | Cloudy，calm | ． 13 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，little wind | ． 13 | 66 | Clear，fine |
| 27 | ． 10 | 597 | Cloudy | ． 10 | 65. | Clear，very fine，dry | ． 13 | $62 \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto |
| 28 | ． 15 | 593 | Clear，calm | ． 24 | 67. | Fine，little wind | ． 26 | 67 | Cloudy，mild |
| 99 | ． 14 | $58 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，slight rain | ． 15 | 63 | Hot and dry，brisk wind | ． 21 | 63 | Clear，fine |
| 30 | ． 10 | 56 | Cloudy | ． 20 | 581 | Overcast，brisk wind | ． 17 | 61 | Showery，cold |
| 31 | ． 08 | 571 | Cloudy，cold wind | ． 13 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，brisk wind | .10 | $60 \frac{1}{3}$ | Fine，brisk wind |
|  | 3.77 <br> Total | $54.81$ <br> Average |  | 4.81 <br> Total | 62.62 <br> Average． |  | $5.13$ Total | $\begin{gathered} 65.17 \\ \text { Average. } \end{gathered}$ |  |

Greatest night growth on the 24th．
Least

Greatest morning growth on the 13th． Least ．．5th，24th and 27th．

Greatest afternoon growth on the 11 th Least
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| Average night growth | .13 |
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| morning growth | .16 |
| afternoon growth | .17 |

## Observations on the growth of the Scarlet Runner，taken at 4 A．M．（Night）， 12 Noon（Morning），and 8 P．M．（Afternoon），during July， 1844.

| NIGHT． |  |  |  | MORNING． |  |  | AFTERNOON． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\sim}{\dot{W}}$ | 咅 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 4 A ．M． | 总 |  | Remariss on the Weather at 12 Noon． | 兌 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 8 P．M． |
| Jul. | In． | － |  | In． |  |  | In． .34 |  | Overcast |
| 3 | ． 29 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy | ． 36 | 59 | Cloudy，little wind | ． 52 | 60 | Ditto，calm |
| 4 | ． 72 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Rainy | 1.80 | 61 | Ditto，brisk wind | 1.72 | $63 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy |
| 5 | ． 66 | 592 | Overcast | 3.10 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，little wind | ． 22 | 62 | Ditto |
| 6 | ． 51 | 55 | Cloudy | ． 85 | 60 | Ditto，calm | ． 60 | $63 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，mild |
| 7 | ． 40 | 59 | Overcast，mild | ． 28 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast，calm | 3.15 | 63 | Rain |
| 8 | ． 72 | 57 | Ditto | ． 47 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear at intervals | 3.37 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，calm |
| 9 | ． 86 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，calm | 2.91 | 65 | Very fine sun，little wind | 1.27 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，ditto，mild |
| 10 | ． 65 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，（dew） | ． 71 | 58 | Ditto and light clouds | 1.63 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 11 | 2.95 | 63 | Clear，mild | ． 80 | 66 | Ditto | 1.55 | $67 \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto |
| 12 | 1.22 | $60 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy | ． 55 | 60 | Showery，brisk wind | 1.10 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，showery |
| 13 | ． 75 | 57 | Ditto | ． 92 | 60롤 | Ditto | ． 48 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Rain |
| 14 | ． 56 | 60 | Clear，brisk wind | 2.43 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，brisk wind | ． 75 | 61 | Clear and fine |
| 15 | ． 98 | 57 | Clear，very fine | ． 74 | 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Clear and dry，little wind | ． 82 | 65 | Ditto |
| 16 | ． 62 | 55 | Slightly overcast | 2.91 | 56 | Overcast，little wind | ． 67 | 61 | Ditto |
| 17 | ． 58 | 54 | Clear | 2.69 | 601 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Slight haze，little wind | ． 83 | 65 | Cloudy，fine |
| 18 | ． 70 | 56 | Cloudy，calm | 3.04 | 62 | Very fine，little wind | ． 74 | 62 | Clear |
| 19 | ． 68 | 52 | Ditto | 2.54 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine，thunder shower | ． 85 | 60 | Cloudy，mild |
| 20 | ． 52 | 521 | Clear | 3.04 | 59 | Clear and hot，little wind | ． 95 | $64 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm |
| 21 | ． 32 | 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，calm | ． 65 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | 3.54 | $64 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto |
| 22 | ． 74 | 55 | Ditto | 2.98 | 66 | Bright sun，sultry | 1.97 | 72 | Bright sun，sultry |
| 23 | ． 64 | 621 | Ditto | 2.91 | $70 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | 1.42 | $75 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，sultry |
| 24 | ． 75 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Very fine，mild | 2.75 | $71 \frac{1}{2}$ | Hot，sultry，slight haze | 2.10 | $74 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm |
| 25 | ． 65 | 62 | Foggy，mild | 3.40 | 69 | Ditto | 1.77 | $76 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 26 | ． 75 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，calm | 3.00 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，little wind | 2.14 | 66 | Clear，fine |
| 27 | 1.12 | $59 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy | ． 85 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，vers fine，dry | 3.93 | 673 | Ditto |
| 28 | ． 74 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm | ． 67 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine，little wind | 3.59 | 67 | Cloudy，mild |
| 29 | 1.68 | $58 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，slight rain | ． 87 | $63{ }^{2}$ | Hot and dry，brisk wind | 3.87 | 63 | Clear，fine |
| 30 | ． 70 | 56 | Cloudy | ． 97 | $58 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast，brisk wind | ． 96 | 61 | Showery，cold |
| 31 | ． 65 | 571 | Cloudy，cold wind | ． 92 | 61咅 | Cloudy，brisk wind | ． 66 | 601 | Fine，brisk wind |
|  | 23.11 Total | $54.81$ verage |  | 50.21 <br> Total． | $62.62$ verage. |  | $47.51$ Total. | 65.17 verage |  |


|  | Greatest morning growth on the 25th． | G |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lenst ．．．3rd． | Least ．．．．7th． | Leas |


| Average night growth | .79 |
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|  | 1.73 |
|  | afterning growth |

# Observations on the growth of the Fig，＊taken at 4 A．M．（Night）， 12 Noon， （Morning），and 8 P．M．（Afternoon），during July， 1844. 

| NIGHT． |  |  |  | MORNING． |  |  | AFTERNOON． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\sim}{\dot{x}}$ | 竜 |  | Remarks on the Weathe at 4 A．M． | 言 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 12 Noon． | 躴 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 8 P．M． |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Jul. } \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | In． |  |  | In． |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { In. } \\ .25 \end{gathered}$ |  | Overcast |
| 3 | ． 04 | $\ddot{56}$ | Cloudy | ． 37 | 59 | Cloudy，little wind | ． 35 | 60 | Ditto，calm |
|  | ． 03 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Rainy | ． 31 | 61 | Ditto，brisk wind | ． 08 | 631 | Cloudy |
| 6 | ． 16 | 591 55 | Overcast Cloudy | .31 <br> .27 | ${ }_{60}^{62} \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，little wind Ditto，calm | .07 .14 | ${ }_{63}^{62}$ | ${ }_{\text {Ditto }}$ |
| 7 | ． 09 | 59 | Overcast，mild | ． 07 | 62 살 | Overcast，calm | ． 06 | 63 | Rain |
| 8 | ． 08 | 57 | Ditto | ． 08 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear at intervals | ． 12 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，calm |
| 9 | ． 05 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，calm | ． 06 | 65 | Very fine sun，little wind | ． 02 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，ditto，mild |
| 10 |  | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，（dew） | ． 18 | 58 | Ditto and light clouds | ． 05 | 67 | Cloudy，mild |
| 11 | ． 10 | 63 | Clear，mild | ． 10 | 66 | Ditto | ． 06 | 67 | Ditto Cloudy，showery |
| 12 | ． 03 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy | ． 16 | 60 | Showery，brisk wind | ． 05 | $60 \pm$ | Cloudy，showery |
| 13 | ． 04 | 57 60 | Ditto ${ }_{\text {Clear，brisk }}$ | ． 13 | 601 | Ditto Clear ，brisk wind | ． 09 | ${ }_{61}^{62 \frac{1}{5}}$ | $\stackrel{\text { Rain }}{\text { Clear and fine }}$ |
| 15 | ． 13 | 60 57 | Clear，very fine | ． 05 | 612 | Clear and dry，little wind | ． 05 | 65 | Ditto |
| 16 | ． 08 | 55 | Slightly overcast | ． 04 | 56 | Overcast，little wind | ． 17 | 61 | Ditto |
| 17 | ． 09 | 54 | Clear | ． 08 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Slight haze，little wind | ． 03 | 65 | Cloudy，fine |
| 18 | ． 03 | 56 | Cloudy，calm | ． 03 | 62 | Very fine，little wind | ． 02 | 62 | Clear |
| 19 |  | 52 | Ditto | ． 02 | 651 | Fine，thunder showers | ． 03 | 60 | Cloudy，mild |
| 20 | $\because$ | 521 | Clear | ． 03 | 59 | Clear and hot，little wind | ． 03 | 644 | ${ }_{\text {Clear，}}$ Calm |
| 21 | ． 01 | $54 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，calm | ． 03 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 02 | 64t |  |
| 22 | ． 06 | 55 | Ditto | ． 02 | 66 | Bright sun，sultry |  | 72 | Bright sun，sultry |
| 23 <br> 24 | .09 .16 | ${ }_{651}^{62}$ | Ditto ${ }^{\text {Very fine，mild }}$ | ． 13 | $770 \frac{1}{8}$ | Ditto Hot sultry，slight haze | ． 04 | 751 <br> $74{ }^{1}$ | Clear，calm |
| 25 | ． 06 | 62 | Foggy mild | ． 10 | 69 | Hitto sulty，slight haze | ． 05 | $76 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 26 | ． 04 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，calm | ． 16 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，little wind | ． 02 | 66 | Clear，fine |
| 27 | ． 04 | 592 | Cloudy | ． 05 | 65. | Clear，very fine，dry | ． 04 | ${ }_{67} 67$ |  |
| 28 | ． 04 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm | ． 07 | ${ }_{67} 67$ | Fine，little wind | ． 06 | 67 63 | Cloudy，mild Clear，fine |
| $\begin{aligned} & 29 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | ． 03 | ${ }_{56}^{58 \frac{1}{2}}$ | Cloudy，slight rain Cloudy | ． 12 | 63 581 | Hot，and dry，brisk wind Overcast，brisk wind | ． 05 | 63 61 | Showery, cold |
| 31 | ． | 571 | Cloudy，cold wind | ． 06 | $61 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，brisk wind | ． 05 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine brisk wind |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1.63 \\ & \text { Total. } \end{aligned}$ | $54.81$ <br> Average |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} 3.16 \\ \text { Total. } \end{array}$ | 62.62. <br> Average |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline 2.12 \\ \text { Total } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 65.17 \\ \text { Average } \end{gathered}$ |  |


Least ．．．．．．24th

| Average night growth | .05 |
| :--- | :--- |
| morning growth | .10 |
|  | afternoon growth |

＊The Fig having been recently planted，and the Season being very dry，this Experiment is not so conclusive as it othervise would have proved．

Observations on the growth of the Jerusalem Artichoke taken at 4 A．M． （Night）， 12 Noon（Morning），and 8 P．M．（Afternoon），during July 1844.

| NIGHT． |  |  |  | MORNING． |  |  | AFTERNOON． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\sim}{\underset{\sim}{x}}$ |  |  | Remarks on the Weather at 4 A ．M． | 范 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 12 Noon． | 莒 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 8 P．M， |
| Jul． | In |  |  | In． |  |  | In． |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | ． 37 |  | Overcast |
| 3 | ． 26 | $56 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy | ． 69 | 59 | Cloudy，little wind | ． 38 | 60 | Ditto，calm |
| 4 | ． 36 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Rainy | ． 92 | 61 | Ditto，brisk wind | ． 48 | 631 | Cloudy |
| 5 | ． 58 | 59를 | Overcast | ． 63 | $62 \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto，little wind | ． 41 | 62 | Ditto |
| 6 | ． 47 | 55 | Cloudy | ． 75 | 60 | Ditto，calm | ． 45 | $63 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，mild |
| 7 | ． 62 | 59 | Overcast，mild | ． 38 | 62 $\frac{1}{3}$ | Overcast，calm | ． 78 | $63{ }^{2}$ | Rain |
| 8 | ． 36 | 57 | Ditto | ． 40 | $62 \frac{1}{3}$ | Clear at intervals | ． 56 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，calm |
| 9 | ． 51 | 61 委 | Cloudy，calm | ． 40 | 65 | Very fine sun，little wind | ． 42 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，Ditto，mild |
| 10 | ． 27 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine（dew） | ． 67 | 58 | Ditto and light clouds | ． 31 | $67 \frac{1}{3}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 11 | ． 29 | 63 | Clear，mild | ． 37 | 66 | Ditto | ． 36 | $67 \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto |
| 12 | ． 18 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy | ． 34 | 60 | Showery，brisk wind | ． 29 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，showery |
| 13 | ． 23 | 57 | Ditto | ． 24 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 30 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Rain |
| 14 | ． 33 | 60 | Clear，brisk wind | ． 41 | $61 \frac{1}{3}$ | Clear，brisk wind | ． 43 | 61 | Clear and fine |
| 16 | ． 21 | 57 | Clear，very fine | ． 14 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear and dry，little wind | ． 10 | 65 | Ditto |
| 17 | ． 12 | 55 | Slightly overcast | ． 40 | 56 | Overcast，little wind | ． 16 | 61 | Ditto fine |
| 18 | .11 | 56 | Cloardy，calm | ． 26 | $60{ }^{2}$ | Slight haze，little wind | ． 19 | 65 | Cloudy，fine |
| 19 | ． 07 | 52 | Ditto | ． 19 | 62 | Very fine，little wind Fine thunder shower | ． 19 | 62 | Cloudy，mild |
| 20 | ． 10 | 521 | Clear | ． 21 | 59 | Clear and hot，little wind | ． 07 | 64 ${ }^{1}$ | Clear，calm |
| 21 | ． 05 | $54 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，calm | ． 15 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | .36 | $64 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto |
| 22 | ． 11 | 55 | Ditto | ． 40 | 66 | Bright sun，sultry | ． 19 | 72 | Bright sun，sultry |
| 23 | ． 25 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 31 | $70 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | ． 13 | 753 | Clear，fine，sutlry |
| 24 | ． 14 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Very fine，mild | ． 36 | $71 \frac{1}{3}$ | Hot，sultry，slight haze | ． 37 | 742 | Clear，calm |
| 25 | ． 16 | 62 | Foggy，mild | ． 49 | 69 | Ditto | ． 44 | 76 | Cloudy，mild |
| 26 27 | .55 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，calm | 1.06 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，little wind | ． 34 | 66 | Clear，fine |
| 27 28 | ． 29 | 593 | Cloudy | ． 78 | $65 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，very fine，dry | ． 33 | 671 | Ditto |
| 29 | ． 54 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm | ． 43 | $67 \frac{1}{3}$ | Fine，little wind | ． 76 | 67 | Cloudy，mild |
| 30 | ． 33 | 586 | Cloudy，slight rain Cloudy | ． 41 | 63 | Hot and dry，brisk wind | ． 26 | 63 | Clear，fine |
| 31 | ． 14 | ${ }_{56} 5$ | Cloudy Clouãy，cold wind | ． 13 | $58 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast，brisk wind | ． 17 | 61 | Showery，cold |
|  |  | $57 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clouay，cold wind | ． 18 | 61雱 | Cloudy，brisk wind | ． 24 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine，brisk wind |
|  | 8.23 <br> Total | 54.81 <br> Average |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} 12.27 \\ \text { Total } \end{array}$ | $62.62$ <br> Average |  | $\begin{array}{r} 9.98 \\ \text { Total } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 65.17 \\ \text { Average. } \end{gathered}$ |  |

Greatest night growth on the 7th．
Least ．．．．．． 21 st．

Greatest morning growth on the 26 th．
Least ．．．．30th．

Greatest afternoon growth on the 7th．
Least 20th

| Average night growth | .28 |
| :--- | :--- |
| morning growth | .42 |
| afternoon growth | .33 |

## Observations on the growth of the Spanish Gourd，taken at 4 A．M．（Night）， 12 Noon，（Moning），and 8 P．M．（Afternoon），during July， 1844.

| NIGHT． |  |  |  | MORNING． |  |  | AFTERNOON． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\underset{\sim}{\dot{\infty}}}{\substack{i}}$ | 号 |  | Remarks on the Weather at $4 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{M}$ ． | 菩 |  | Remarks on the Weather at 12 Noon． | 岩 |  | Remarks on the Weather at $8 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$ ． |
| Jul． | In． |  |  | In． . . |  |  | In． 1.01 | ． | Overcast |
| 3 | ．87 | 561 | Cloudy | .45 | $\boxed{59}$ | Cloudy，little wind | 1.21 | 60 | Ditto，calm |
| 4 | ． 62 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Rainy | ． 92 | 61 | Ditto，brisk wind | ． 93 | $63 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy |
| 5 | ． 80 | $59 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast | ． 69 | 62䂞 | Ditto，little wind | ． 90 | 62 | Ditto |
| 6 | ． 84 | 55 | Cloudy | ． 50 | 60 | Ditto，calm | 1.15 | 631 | Ditto，mild |
| 7 | ． 82 | 59 | Overcast，mild | ． 69 | $62 \frac{1}{2}$ | Overcast，calm | ． 74 | 63 | Rain |
| 8 | ． 73 | 57 | Ditto | 1.34 | $62^{\frac{1}{3}}$ | Clear at intervals | 2.34 | $66 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，fine，calm |
| 9 | 1.49 | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，calm | 1.20 | 65 | Very fine sun，little wind | 2.83 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，ditto，mild |
| 10 | ． 77 | $60 \frac{1}{3}$ | Clear，fine，（dew） | 1.18 | 58 | Ditto and light clouds | 2.20 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，mild |
| 11 | 1.91 | 63 | Clear，mild | 2.20 | 66 | Ditto | 1.52 | $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto |
| 12 | 1.97 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy | 1.47 | 60 | Showery，brisk wind | 1.47 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Cloudy，showery |
| 13 | 1.20 | 57 | Ditto | 1.55 | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto | 1.13 | $62 \frac{1}{3}$ | Rain |
| 14 | 1.43 | 60 | Clear，brisk wind | 1.09 | $61 \frac{1}{4}$ | Clear，brisk wind | 1.28 | 61 | Clear and fine |
| 15 | 1.28 | 57 | Clear，very fine | 1.11 | 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Clear and dry，little wind | 1.14 | 65 | Ditto |
| 16 | 1.22 | 55 | Slightly overcast | ． 70 | 56 | Overcast，little wind | 1.46 | 61 | Ditto <br> Cloudy，fine |
| 17 | ． 82 | 54 | Clear | ． 39 | 60를 | Slight haze，little wind | 1.57 | 65 | Cloudy，fine Clear |
| 18 | 1.02 | 56 | Cloudy，calm | 1.08 | 62 | Very fine，little wind | 1.27 | 62 | Clear <br> Cloudy，mild |
| 19 | 1.30 | 52 | Ditto | ． 76 | $56 \frac{1}{2}$ | Fine，thunder shower | 1.06 | 60 | Cloudy，mild Clear，calm |
| 20 | .71 | $52 \frac{1}{3}$ | Clear | .56 | 59 | Clear and hot，little wind | 1.38 1.12 | $64 \frac{1}{2}$ | Clear，calm Ditto |
| 21 | .50 .43 | $54 \frac{1}{2}$ | Ditto，calm Ditto | .75 .89 | $61{ }^{6} \frac{1}{3}$ | Ditto $\mathrm{Bright} \mathrm{sun}$, | 1.12 .82 | 724 | Bright sun，sultry |
| 22 | .43 .50 | 55 | Ditto | ． 89 | 66 | Bright sun，sultry | ． 82 | 72 | Bright sun，sulty |
| 24 | ${ }_{*}$＊ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $21.23$ Total. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 19.52 \\ & \text { Total. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} 28.53 \\ \text { Total. } \end{array}$ |  |  |

Greatest night growth on the 12 th．
Least ．．21st，22nd，23rd．

Greatest morning growth on the 11th．
Least

Greatest afternoon growth on the 9 th． Least

| Average night growth | 1.01 |
| :--- | ---: |
| morning growth | .97 |
| afternoon growth | 1.35 |

[^13]Table shewing the amount of growth of all the foregoing plants during the months of both July and August.

|  |  | NIGHT. | MORNING. | AFTERNOON. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hop | July | 42.02 (1.44 av.) | 40.12 (1.38 av.) | +60.41 (2.01 av.) |
| Vine | July <br> August | + $\underset{.86}{2.34}$ (.08 av.) | $\begin{array}{r} 2.04(.07 \mathrm{av} .) \\ +1.94 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.16 \\ & 1.64 \end{aligned} \text { (.07 av.) }$ |
| Sweet Willow | July <br> August | 3.77 2.16 | 4.81 (.16 av.) | $\begin{aligned} & +5.13 \text { (.17 av.) } \\ & +4.44 \end{aligned}$ |
| Scarlet Runner | July August | $\underset{8.86}{23.11}$ (.79 av.) | $\underset{9.93}{+50.21 ~(1.73 ~ a v .) ~}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 47.15 \text { ( } 1.57 \text { av.) } \\ +11.32 \end{array}$ |
| Fig | July <br> August | $1.63 \text { (.05 av.) }$ | $\begin{aligned} & +3.16(.10 \mathrm{av} .) \\ & +1.50 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.12 \\ & 1.07 \end{aligned} \text { (.07 av.) }$ |
| Jerusalem Artichoke | July August | $\begin{aligned} & 8.23 \\ & 4.15 \end{aligned}(.28 \mathrm{av} .)$ | $\begin{array}{r} +12.27 \text { (.42av.) } \\ +7.09 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.98 \text { (.33 av.) } \\ & 6.95 \end{aligned}$ |
| Spanish Gourd . | July | 21.23 (1.01 av.) | 19.52 (.97 av.) | +28.53 (1.35 av.) |
|  | Total | 119.07 | 156.26 | 180.90 |

The examination of these tables shews that the same discrepancies as were remarked on the former occasion, when the plants under observation were growing in a hothouse, occur when the plants are exposed to the open air; and prove conclusively that those discrepancies were not owing to the artificial state in which the experimental specimens were placed.

The period of the day at which the greatest growth takes place still proves to be the afternoon, if all the experiments are regarded as but one; for the numbers stand thus: night 119.07 , morning 156.26, afternoon 180.90 ; but when the experiments are separated it then appears that the period of maximum growth varies with the species; in the Hop, Sweet Willow and the Gourd it was the afternoon; in the Fig and Jerusalem Artichoke it was the morning; in the Vine it was the night in July and the morning in August; in the Scarlet Runner the morning in July and the afternoon in August. It is especially worthy of observation that this does not correspond with the observations of 1843, for at that time the Willow, which in 1844 grew upon the whole fastest in the after-
noon, that is to say in the hottest and brightest part of the 24 hours, increased most in the morning which was the coolest and most overcast. So again the Fig grew fastest in 1844 when exposed to the cool of the morning, and uninterrupted light ; but in 1843 its maximum growth took place, between 6 in the afternoon and 12 at night, at which time it could have received little or no sunshine.

If we attempt to reconcile these conflicting results we shall find the separate as perplexing as the general observations. For instance, the greatest morning growth of the Jerusalem Artichoke and the Vine took place on the 26 th ; but at the same time the Hop, Sweet Willow and Fig were growing slowly, and even the Scarlet Runner, which resembled the Vine and Artichoke most nearly, had not reached its maximum. The greatest afternoon growth of the Jerusalem Artichoke and the Hop was on the 7th, but at that time the Vine, which had previously corresponded with the former, scarcely exceeded its average rate; the growth of the Scarlet Runner was considerable; the Fig however was below its average, and the Gourd had reached its minimum. So again on the 3rd, when the Hop grew slower than at any other period during the month, the Fig made its maximum growth; on the 27 th while the Vine and Scarlet Runner grew fastest, the Fig grew slowest, and the same thing happened between these plants on the 27 th. Similar instances will be found on an attentive scrutiny of the tables.

If however, there are so many instances of discrepancy, there are also some of correspondence. Thus, the Jerusalem Artichoke and the Vine not only made their maximum morning growth on the 26th, but their minimum night growth on the 21 st; in like manner the Fig and the Sweet Willow which made their maximum night growth on the 24th, also made their minimum morning growth at the same time : an unexpected result amidst so much conflicting matter, when the totally different nature of the plants is taken into account. These however seem to be
mere coincidences, for there is little accordance between the plants at other times; for example, if we compare the Vine and Jerusalem Artichoke as to their rate of growth at other periods near to those when they are alike, we again find nothing but dissimilitude. Thus,

|  | Vine. |  |  | Jerusalem Artichoke. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Night. } \\ (.08 \text { av. }) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Morning. } \\ & (.07 a v) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Afternoon. } \\ & (.07 \mathrm{av} .) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Night. } \\ & \left(.28 a v_{0}\right) \end{aligned}$ | M orning. (. 42 av.) | Afternoon. (.33 av.) |
| July 20 | . 09 | . 04 | . 03 | . 10 | . 21 | . 07 |
| 21 | -. 02 | . 03 | . 04 | -. 05 | . 15 | . 36 |
| 22 | . 04 | . 09 | . 07 | . 11 | . 40 | . 19 |
| 25 | . 13 | . 11 | . 16 | . 16 | . 49 | . 44 |
| 26 | . 16 | +. 18 | . 10 | . 55 | +1.06 | . 34 |
| 27 | . 11 | . 07 | . 20 | . 29 | . 78 | . 33 |

Here we see that although the Vine and Sweet Willow agreed on two occasions very near about the same time, they otherwise differed in the most singular manner. In the night of July 20th, the Vine was just above its average, but the Jerusalem Artichoke was not half way up to its average; and so on in the other cases.

If we next proceed to examine what the circumstances were which favoured or retarded the growth of the experimental plants, it will be found that there is scarcely more possibility of determining that point than of reconciling their differences with each other.

Plants are always said to grow fastest during a thunder storm, the peculiar electrical state of the atmosphere at that time being regarded peculiarly favourable to growth. Heat also is looked upon as a powerful cause of rapid developement, especially if in combination with moisture ; on the other hand, cold is thought to produce the contrary effect. Finally a brisk wind, as well as bright light, is believed to impede vegetation, while warm overcast weather is favourable to growth. But the actual results hardly confirm those opinions.

On July 19th, there was a thunder storm in the morning, the thermometer being $65 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. The growth of the experimental plants on that occasion was as follows:
Hop $\quad 1.22$ or .16 below the average.
Vine $\quad .04$ or .03 below the average.
Willow $\quad . \quad 22$ or .06 above the average.
Scarlet Runner $\quad 2.54$ or .81 above the average.
Fig
Jerusalem Artichoke .02 or .08 below the average.
Gourd $\quad .76$ or .23 below the average.

So that on this occasion, when the atmosphere was highly charged with electricity, five out of the seven experimental plants grew considerably below the average rate, and of the others one but little exceeded it. It might perhaps be supposed that the influence of the thunder storm would be felt shortly before and after its occurrence, rather than during its continuance; but that was not the fact.

On the occasion in question the growths immediately before and after the thunder storm were as follows:


So that in every instance except one the average rate of growth was diminished, instead of being increased, and the night growth of the Fig was arrested altogether, an event which only happened on six other occasions, and then under circumstances equally unintelligible; on one of those occasions the thermometer was $58 \frac{1_{2}^{\circ}}{}$ with rain; on another $71 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ and hazy.

For the purpose of ascertaining the real effect of both high and low temperatures, the following tables have been drawn out.

Rate of growth under the highest Temperature.

|  | Night. |  | Morning. |  | Afternoon. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Temp. | Growth relative to average. | Temp. | Growth relative to average. | Temp. | Growth relative to average. |
| Hop | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 66 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | 2.14 or . 70 above <br> 3.63 or 2.49 above | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 69 \end{aligned}$ | 1.51 or .12 above 1.68 or .30 above | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 75 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | 2.52 or .51 above <br> 2.70 or .69 above |
| Vine | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 66 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | . 08 or average . 16 or . 8 above | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 69 \end{aligned}$ | . 07 or average | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \frac{1}{3} \\ & 75 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .16 or .09 above .10 or . 63 above |
| Sweet Willow . | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 66 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .23 or . 10 above .09 or .04 below | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 69 \end{aligned}$ | .10 or .04 below <br> .13 or .03 below | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 75 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .10 or .07 below .26 or .09 above |
| Scarlet Runner | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 666 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .75 or .04 below <br> .75 or .04 below | $\frac{71 \frac{1}{2}}{69}$ | 2.75 or 1.02 above <br> 3.40 or 1.67 above | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 75 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | 1.77 or . 20 above <br> 1.42 or . 15 above |
| Fig | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 66 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .16 or . 11 above .04 or .01 below | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \frac{3}{2} \\ & 69 \end{aligned}$ | .00 or .10 below , 10 or average | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 75 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .05 or .02 below .04 or .03 belowe |
| Jerusalem Artichoke | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \frac{1}{3} \\ & 66 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .14 or .14 below <br> .55 or .27 above | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 69 \end{aligned}$ | .36 or .06 below .49 or .07 above | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 75 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .44 or . 11 above .13 or .20 below |
| Gourd | 63 $62 \frac{1}{3}$ | 1.91 or .90 above .50 or .61 below | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 66 \end{aligned}$ | .76 or .21 below .89 or .08 below | 72 $67 \frac{1}{2}$ | 1.82 or .53 below 2.83 or 1.48 above 2.20 or .85 above 1.52 or .17 above |

Here we have no intelligible result, but the testimony is just as conflicting as in other cases. It is true that both the Hop and Vine were constantly above their average when exposed to the highest temperature, and at all periods of the day; that both these plants and the Sweet Willow and Fig, acquired their maximum night growth under those circumstances ; that the Gourd also gained its greatest afternoon increase on one occasion of the highest temperature. But, on the other hand, while on one occasion a night temperature of $65 \frac{1^{\circ}}{}{ }^{\circ}$ gave the Willow its maximum growth, another night temperature of $66 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ resulted in .04 below the average; indeed the Willow was below the average in 4 out of 6 instances of highest temperature. Then we find the Scarlet Runner always below the average at night at the very moment when others were acquiring their maximum; and in the case of the Gourd, which was exposed to an afternoon temperature of $67 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ for three successive days, although on the first day it acquired its maximum, yet on the 2nd day afterwards it had fallen so low as $\mathbf{~} \mathbf{1 7}$ above the average, the circumstances remaining to all appearance the same.

Rate of growth under the lowest Temperature.

|  | Night. |  | Morning. |  | Afternoon. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Temp. | Growth relative to average. | Temp. | Growth relative to average. | Temp. | Growth relative to average |
| Hop | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 52 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .80 or .64 below .63 or .81 below | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 58 \end{aligned}$ | .83 or .55 below .70 or .68 below | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 60 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | 1.14 or .37 below 1.55 or .46 below |
| Vine | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 524 \end{aligned}$ | . 04 or .04 below .09 or .01 above | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 58 \end{aligned}$ | . 07 or average <br> .05 or .02 below | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 60 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .02 or .05 below .03 or .04 below |
| Sweet Willow | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 52 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .10 or .03 below .09 or .04 below | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 58 \end{aligned}$ | .18 or .02 above <br> .21 or .05 above | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 60 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .11 or .06 below .10 or .07 below |
| Scarlet Runner | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 52 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .68 or .09 below .52 or .27 below | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 58 \end{aligned}$ | 291 or 1.18 abore <br> .71 or 1.72 below | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 60 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .85 or .72 below .66 or .91 below |
| Fig | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 52 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .0 or .05 below .0 or .05 below | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 58 \end{aligned}$ | .04 or .06 below .18 or .08 above | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 60 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .03 or .04 below <br> .05 or .02 below |
| Jerusalem Artichoke | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 52 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .07 or .21 below .10 or .18 below | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 58 \end{aligned}$ | .40 or .02 below .67 or .25 above | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 60 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | .14 or .19 below .24 or .09 below |
| Gourd | 52 52 | 1.30 or .29 above .71 or .30 below | 56 58 | .70 or 1.18 or .27 $.21 ~ a b o v e ~$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 61 \end{aligned}$ | 1.06 or .29 below 1.46 or .11 abore |

In this instance it is evident that in general the lowest temperatures were unfavourable to growth. But it is to be observed that the Vine attained its minimum growth on only one of these occasions(in the afternoon); that the Fig indicated the minimum night growth on two occasions; and, what is most inexplicable, we have 9 cases of the growth being actually above the average in presence of the lowest temperatures : such tender plants as the Fig, the Scarlet Runner and the Gourd (on three occasions out of six) being the species in which this singular anomaly took place.

It does not seem desirable to extend these tables further: for if the observations are analysed for the effects of wind or bright light, there are the same inexplicable discrepancies. Indeed the average of the afternoon growth being so much higher than that of the morning, as was shown in the table at p.255, seems to render an examination into the effect of light superfluous; for it must be admitted that on an average we have more light between noon and $8 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$., the time of the afternoon observations, than in either of the other periods.

I think no physiologist could have anticipated such results as these. They are in fact so much at variance with what could have been expected, that I should have been inclined to doubt the accuracy of the observations themselves, if I did not know that they were conducted with most scrupulous exactness, and by the method already described in my former report, (see page 103.) This seems as little open to error as any plan that could be contrived, and I have no doubt of its being a true representation of the facts as they occurred.

It therefore seems more than ever certain, that the conclusion to which the former observations pointed was correct, namely, that some agent, distinct from heat, light, or moisture, is in operation, the nature of which we have at present no means of ascertaining.

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JANUARY.


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| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Day. | Max. | Min, | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1133455678891011181314141516171818192031232323242526263728293031 | 39 | 27 | 39 | 23 | W | Little | 43 | The year commenced with snow and sleet; and the thermo- |
|  | 37 | 14 | 40 | 3 | NW | Ditto |  | meter on the night of the 2nd was $18^{\circ}$ below freezing. With |
|  | 42 | 32 | 43 | 30 | W | Ditto | . 24 | this exception, however, there were no severe frosts throughout |
|  | 51 | 34 | 50 | 32 |  | Ditto | . 05 | the month; and the temperature was $2 t^{\circ}$ above the average of |
|  | 54 <br> 52 | 44 36 | 59 60 | 42 | SW | Ditto | .40 | nineteen preceding years, the period for which The amount of |
|  | 48 | 25 | 55 | 24 | NW | Ditto |  | rain exceeded the usual quantity by nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. The |
|  | 44 | 35 | 55 | 33 | N | Ditto | . 01 | morning of the 12th was foggy; heavy and continued rain fell |
|  | 40 | 33 | 50 | 29 | SE | Ditto | . 08 | throughout the day and night. The last day of the month was |
|  | 48 | 30 | 51 | 25 | N | Ditto | . 01 | remarkable for stormy showers, forming a succession of hai, |
|  | 46 | 30 | 46 | 28 | SW | Ditto |  | snow, sleet and rain. |
|  | $\stackrel{44}{4}$ | 35 | 44 | 34 |  | Ditto | .76 |  |
|  | 40 | 35 25 | 44 | 32 | N | Ditto | . 03 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.968 inches. |
|  | 40 | 20 | 45 | 23 14 |  | Brisk |  |  |
|  | 39 | 32 | 51 | 30 | - | Ditto |  | - Degree of Dryness . . . . . Ditto...... 1 $1^{\circ} .04$ |
|  | 4 | 39 | 47 | 35 | N | Ditto |  | —_ Degree of Moisture . . . . Ditto...... . 944 |
|  | 48 | 37 | 45 | 34 | NW | Ditto |  | - Force of Vapour . . . . . . Ditto...... ${ }^{.236}$ |
|  | 48 | 28 | 51 | 24 | N | Little |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade ..... $544^{\circ}$. |
|  | 47 | 34 26 | 49 | 33 | W | Ditto |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto . . . . . . . . $144^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
|  | 45 | 26 35 | 57 | 22 | SW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ....... $61{ }^{\circ}$ |
|  | 43 | 23 | 54 | 32 | NE | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ........ $38^{\circ}$ |
|  | 46 | 36 | 50 | 29 |  | Ditto | . 01 | Mean Temperature of External Air ...... |
|  | ¢0 | 27 | 55 | 24 | NW | Ditto |  | Wixds. |
|  | 54 | 39 | 51 | 36 | SW | Ditto | . 02 | North...... 5 days N. East...... 4 d dys |
|  | 54 | 32 44 | 60 61 | 34 | W | Brisk | . 02 |  |
|  | 51 <br> 11 <br> 1 | 32 26 | 53 | 29 | W | Brisk | . 03 | West....... 8 .. ${ }^{\text {S West..... } 9 \text {. }}$ |
|  | 41 | 26 | 41 | 22 | NW | Ditto | .15 | 31 days. |
|  | 45.84 | 31.74 | 50.12 | 28.29 |  |  | 2.25 | Amount of Rain . . . . . . . . . . . |

## FEBRUARY.



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## MARCH.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1844. | B Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Wenther. |
|  | 129.339 | 46 | 46 | - | Cloudy, Fine | 29.459 | 50 | 40 | 10 | Fine | 29.450 | 41 | 41 |  | Cl |
|  | $2-.429$ | 41 | 41 |  | Overcast | -.400 | 50 | 50 | - | Showery | -. 372 | 40 | 40 | - | Squally |
|  | $3-.365$ | 44 | 44 | - | Cloudy | -. 359 | 48 | 48 | -- | Cloudy | -. 427 | 39 | 39 | - | Clear and fine |
|  | $4-.357$ | 40 | 40 | - | Heavy rain | -. 240 | 38 | 38 | - | Heavy rain | -. 513 | 35 | 35 | - | Cloudy \& D Do. |
|  | $5-.798$ | 36 | 36 | - | Overcast | -. 806 | 40 | 30 | 10 | Cloudy | -. 762 | 26 | 26 | - | Clear \& frosty |
|  | 6-.740 | 26 | 26 | - | Clear \& frosty | $-.768$ | 48 | 38 | 10 | Fine | -. 924 | 34 | 34 | - | Ditto \& fine |
|  | 730.091 | 35 | 32 | 3 | Cloudy | 30.129 | 42 | 30 | 12 | Cloudy \& cold | 30.189 | 35 | 35 | - | Fine |
|  | 8-.260 | 35 | 31 | 4 | Fine | $-.240$ | 44 | 39 | 5 | Very Fine | -.195 | 37 | 37 | - | Overca |
|  | 9-.021 | 44 | 43 | 1 | Densely overcast | 29.949 | 55 | 52 | 3 | Cloudy, mild | 29.957 | 41 | 41 | - | Ditto |
|  | 1029.571 | 42 | 42 | - | Heavy rain | -. 624 | 40 | 40 | - | Heavy rain | -. 707 | 34 | 84 |  | Clear |
|  | $11-.626$ | 48 | 48 | - | Boisterous, rain | -. 468 | 54 | 54 | - | Boisterous | -. 495 | 39 | 39 |  | Do. boisterous |
|  | 12 -. 511 | 40 | 40 | - | Very clear | -. 483 | 39 | 39 | - | Stormy showers | -. 730 | 38 | 38 |  | Ditto |
|  | $13-929$ | 38 | 37 | 1 | Ditto | -. 954 | 44 | 44 | - | Cloudy | -. 952 | 34 | 34 |  | Clear |
|  | $14-892$ | 38 | 38 | - | Uniformly overcast | -.828 | 47 | 47 | - | Rain | -. 592 | 42 | 42 | - | Heavy rain |
|  | 15 -.452 | 43 | 43 | - | Rain | -. 457 | 47 | 37 | 10 | Fine | -. 447 | 39 | 39 | - | Clear |
|  | $16-.460$ | 45 | 45 | - | Slight haze | -. 558 | 50 | 48 | 2 | Ditto | -. 667 | 41 | 41 | - | Overcast |
|  | $17-879$ | 40 | 37 | 3 | Overcast | -. 893 | 43 | 40 | 3 | Boisterous | -. 972 | 35 | 35 |  | Ditto |
|  | 1830.010 | 35 | 30 | 5 | Clear | -.985 | 44 | 32 | 12 | Clear and cold | 30.030 | 37 | 37 | - | Ditto |
|  | $19-.020$ | 43 | 42 | 1 | Cloudy | 30.039 | 48 | 40 | 8 | Cloudy | 29.897 | 41 | 41 | - |  |
|  | 20.29 .580 | 43 | 40 | 3 | Ditto \& cold | 29.450 | 46 | 46 | - | Rain | -.811 | 30 | 30 |  | Clear \& frosty Clear |
|  | 2130.003 | 34 | 32 | 2 | Very clear | 30.017 | 46 | 33 | 13 | Fine | -. 921 | 33 | 33 |  | Slight rain |
|  | 22.29 .739 | 42 | 41 | 1 | Overcast | 29.639 | 47 | 47 | - | Cloudy | -. 503 | 41 | 41 |  | Clear \& fine |
|  | $23-513$ | 42 | 42 | - | Ditto | -. 533 | 48 | 43 | 5 | Fine | -. 570 | 33 | 33 |  | Overcast |
|  | 24-513 | 47 | 47 | - | Cloudy | -. 655 | 46 | 46 | - | Boisterous | 62 | 40 | 40 |  | Ditto |
|  | $25-644$ $26-.617$ | 42 | 42 | 4 | Fine | -. 573 | 54 | 54 | 10 | Very Fine | -. 578 | 45 | 47 |  | Cloudy |
|  | $27-851$ | 50 | 50 | 4 | Light haze | -. 894 | 56 | 56 | - | Overcast | 30.032 | 49 | 49 |  | Hazy |
|  | 2830.269 | 46 | 42 | 4 | Fine | 30.334 | 59 | 47 | 12 | Very Fine | -. 395 | 40 | 40 |  | Clear |
|  | $29-.505$ | 39 | 39 | - | Dense fog | -. 462 | 58 | 43 | 15 | Dry haze | -. 441 | 39 | 39 |  | Overca |
|  | $30-.373$ | 44 | 43 | 1 | Dry haze | -. 317 | 55 | 37 | 18 | Fine | -. 283 | 41 | 41 |  | Ditto |
|  | $31-.235$ | 45 | 44 | 1 | Slight haze | $-.187$ | 56 | 48 | 8 | Clear and fine | -. 159 | 43 | 43 |  | Ditto, foggy |
|  | 29.794 | 41.35 | 40.26 | 1.09 |  | 29.785 | 48.29 | 42.94 | $5 \cdot 35$ |  | 29.818 | 8.35 | 8.35 | 0.0 |  |

## MARCH.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 55 | 36 | 62 | 32 | SW | Brisk | . 04 |  |
| $\pm$ | 52 | 37 | 57 | 32 | W | Ditto | . 04 |  |
| 3 | 50 | 37 | 57 | 33 | SW | Ditto | . 20 | The weather was frequently boisterous with heavy rains and |
| 4 | 41 | 28 | 51 | 24 | NE | Little | . 48 | on the whole very unsettled. The temperature was a little |
| 6 | 43 | 19 | 55 | 13 | N | Ditto |  | below the average. The amount of rain was an inch above the |
|  | 43 | 30 | 52 | 25 | N | Ditto |  | usual quantity. The mean height of the barometer was con- |
| 8 | 44 | 35 | 52 61 | 35 | S | Ditto |  | stance remarkably low. The 11th, 12th, 17th, 20th and 24 th |
| 9 | 58 | 34 | 63 | 30 | SW | Brisk |  | were very boisterous. As in the two preceding months, West |
| 10 | 44 | 31 | 52 | 28 | N | Ditto | . 69 | and South-west winds were prevalent. |
| 14 | 53 | 35 | 53 | 30 | SW | Strong | . 20 |  |
| 12 | 47 | 31 | 53 | 26 | W | Ditto | . 09 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.799 inches. |
| 13 | 47 | 32 | 54 | 28 |  | Brisk |  | - Temperature . . . . . . . Ditto . . . . . 42 $^{42^{\circ} .06}$ |
| 15 | 49 | 39 | 50 | 37 | W | Little | .48 | - Dew Point . . . . . . . . . Ditto ....... ${ }^{4} \mathbf{2}^{\circ} 15$ |
| 16 | 53 | 38 | 58 | 37 | E | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture . . Ditto ...... . 923 |
| 17 | 44 | 30 | 48 | 27 | NE | Strong |  | -_ Force of Vapour ..... Ditto ...... . 255 inch. |
|  | 46 | 35 | 48 | 30 |  | Brisk |  | Least observed degree of Moisture ...... $0^{.526}$ |
| 20 | 58 | 36 | 56 | 32 | NW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the shade .... $633^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 21 | 50 | 23 31 | 53 58 | 16 | N | ${ }_{\text {Little }}$ | . 04 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ....... $7 \mathbf{7 2}^{\circ}$. |
| 22 | 47 | 42 | 48 | 39 | SW | Ditto | . 05 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... $133^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 52 | 26 | 64 | 21 | W | Ditto |  |  |
| 24 | 48 | 35 | 54 | 33 | SW | Strong | . 03 |  |
| 25 26 | 56 60 | 43 46 | 62 67 | 40 |  | ${ }_{\text {Brisk }}^{\text {Little }}$ | . 06 | Winds. |
| 27 | 6 | $4{ }_{4}^{46}$ | 67 62 | 43 | SW | Little |  | North ...... 5 days $\|$N. East...... 5 days |
| 28 | 60 | 29 | 71 | 23 | N | Ditto |  | East ........ 3 ... N. West..... 1 |
| 29 30 30 | ${ }^{63}$ | 37 | 71 | 33 | E | Ditto |  | West....... 7 .. ${ }^{\text {E }}$. West ..... 9 |
| 30 <br> 31 | 57 60 | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 38 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64 \\ & 72 \end{aligned}$ | 35 35 | $\underset{\text { E }}{\text { NE }}$ | Brisk Ditto |  | , |
|  | 51.06 | 33.87 | 57.77 | 29.84 |  |  | 2.44 | 2.44 inch |

## APRIL.



## APRIL.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 65 | 29 | 78 | 23 | NE | Little |  | This month was very dry ; the days hot for the period of the |
| 2 | 72 | 29 | 80 | 26 | SW | Ditto |  | season and the nights cold and often frosty. In 12 of the latter |
| 3 | 72 68 | ${ }_{38}^{32}$ | 75 | 26 |  | Brisk Little |  | the thermometer was at, or below the freezing point; but 18 nights were indicated by the Radiating thermometer as being |
| ¢ | 58 | 34 | 62 | 27 | N | Ditto | . 01 | more or less frosty. The barometer stood high. The amount |
| 6 | 62 | 32 | 71 | 27 | E | Ditto |  | of rain was less than in any corresponding month for at least |
| 7 | 62 | 25 | 68 | 20 | NE | Ditto |  | 19 preceding years, with the exception of 1842. The degree |
| 8 | 68 | 27 | 73 | 22 | SW | Ditto |  | of dryness as indicated by the hygrometer was unusually great, |
| 9 | 73 | 29 | 78 | 22 | W | Ditto |  | especially on the 9th, 10th, 26 th ; and on the 30th, it attained |
| 10 | 65 | 28 | 75 | 21 | S | Ditto |  | almost the highest pitch of dryness ever observed in this |
| 11 | 62 | 34 | 68 | 30 | SW | Ditto |  | country. |
| 12 | 62 | 45 | 70 | 40 |  | Ditto | . 23 |  |
| 13 | 59 | 47 | 65 | 46 | W | Ditto | . 02 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 30.097 inches. |
| $1{ }_{1}^{4}$ | 66 | 41 | 72 | 38 | NW | Ditto | . 02 | - Temperature . . . . . . . Ditto ...... $53^{\circ} .26$ |
| 16 | 70 | 48 36 | 71 80 | 42 32 | SW | Ditto Ditto | . 01 |  |
| 17 | 71 | 36 | 80 | 32 | E | Ditto |  | -_ Degree of Moisture .. Ditto ...... . 743 |
| 18 19 | 61 66 | 30 | 69 | 24 | NW | Ditto | 01 | - Force of Vapour. . . . Ditto ...... . 302 inch. |
| 20 | 66 67 | 42 | 74 | 37 | N | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture . . . . . . ${ }_{7} 0^{.312}$ |
| 21 | 70 | 45 <br> 38 | 74 | 41 | W | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade . . . . $733^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 22 23 28 | 70 | 39 | 77 | 33 | SW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun $\ldots . . .184^{\circ}$. |
| 23 24 24 | 71 | 39 | 80 | 35 | W | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... $20^{\circ}$. |
| 24 25 | 71 | 31 | 83 | 24 |  | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of External Air ..... $51^{\circ} .06$ |
| 26 | 73 | 33 | 84 | 28 | S | Ditto |  | Winds. |
| 27 28 28 | 64 | 45 29 | 84 80 | 42 23 | NE | Ditto | . 03 | North..... 3 days ${ }^{\text {N. East...... } 4 \text { days }}$ |
| 28 29 | 66 66 | 30 | 81 | 24 | NE | Ditto |  |  |
| 30 | 66 66 | $\begin{array}{r} 38 \\ 37 \end{array}$ | 80 80 | $\begin{aligned} & 34 \\ & 32 \end{aligned}$ | E | Brisk Ditto |  | West....... 6 .. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ S. West.. |
|  | 66.60 | 35.53 | 75.50 | 30.60 |  |  | 0.33 |  |

MAY.


## MAY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dayt. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 70 | 38 | 82 | 32 | E | Brisk |  |  |
| 2 | 71 | 46 | 83 | 29 |  | Little |  | This was an excessively dry month, uncongenial to most |
| 3 | 65 | 45 | 75 | 40 | NE | Ditto |  | kinds of vegetation; for, excepting three days, the wind was |
| 4 | 59 | 48 | 60 | 41 |  | Brisk | . 01 | constantly from north-east or east, very dry, and likewise cold, |
| 5 | 72 | 43 | 78 | 40 |  | Ditto |  | as appears from the temperature being a degree below the |
| 6 | 72 | 36 | $7^{8}$ | 31 | E | Little |  | average, notwithstanding the abundance of sunshine. The |
| 7 | 76 | 43 | 90 | 37 | N | Ditto |  | very limited quantity of rain which fell at intervals was quickly |
| 8 | 69 | 44 | 75 | 40 | E | Ditto |  | evaporated; for the hygrometer indicated not only great dry- |
| 10 | 78 | 49 | 90 | 42 | SW | Ditto |  | ness during the day, but also a considerable degree in the |
| 10 | 68 64 | 38 52 | 80 | 32 | W | Ditto | . 07 | mornings and evenings, periods in which the air is generally |
| 11 | 64 72 | 52 | 76 | 50 | NE | Ditto |  | found moist. The weather was very boisterous between the |
| 13 | 78 | 39 | 90 | 36 | - | Ditto |  | 17 th and 20th inclusive. |
| 14 | 70 | 38 | 90 | 31 | - | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 30.068 inches |
| 15 | 60 | 41 | 85 | 37 | - | Brisk |  | - Temperature .............. Ditto... $544^{\circ} 78$ |
| 16 | 65 | 40 | 87 | 34 | - | Little |  | - Dew Point . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ditto... $4^{46}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 17 | 59 | 32 | 69 | 24 |  | Strong |  | - Degree of Dryness. . . . . . . . . . Ditto. . ${ }^{\text {- }}$.16 |
| 18 19 | 54 60 | 44 | 75 | 40 | - | Ditto | . 02 | - Degree of Moisture ........ Ditto... 745 |
| 20 | 63 | 43 | 76 | 39 |  | Ditto |  | - Force of Vapour $\ldots$ Mo......Ditto... $\quad 319$ illch |
| 21 | 62 | 46 | 80 | 44 | - | Ditto | . 02 |  |
| 22 | 67 | 46 | 78 | 44 | - | Little |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto .......... $33^{\circ}$. |
| 23 | 70 | 43 | 82 | 39 | - | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $90^{\circ}$, |
| 24 | 66 | 45 | 82 | 42 | - | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ........ $24^{\circ}$. |
| 25 | 65 | 40 | 77 | 36 | - | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of External Air ....... $54^{\circ} .05$ |
| 26 27 | 58 | 41 | 70 | 35 |  | Brisk |  | Wixds. |
| 27 28 28 | 56 | 43 | 69 | 40 | - | Ditto | . 06 | North...... I days \| N. East.... 22 days |
| $\begin{aligned} & 28 \\ & 29 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 59 | 48 | 68 | 44 |  | Ditto |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 29 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{6}^{58}$ | 44 | 66 | 43 | NE | Ditto | . 07 |  |
| 31 | 61 | 45 | 73 72 | 41 37 | E | Little |  | West....... ${ }^{\text {t }}$.. S . West.... |
|  | 65.42 | 42.68 | 77.93 | 37.80 |  |  | 0.25 | Amount of Rain .................. 0.25 inches. |

JUNE.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1844. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. |
| S. | 129.998 | 55 | 50 | 5 | Clear | 29.957 | 68 | 47 | 21 | Fine | 29.949 | 44 | 40 | 4 | Clear |
| M. | 2 3 30.957 | 51 55 | 48 | 10 | Overcast and cold Light Clouds | -.953 | 64 | 49 | 15 | Ditto | -.971 |  | 43 | 3 | Cloudy |
| T. | ${ }_{4}{ }^{3}-147$ | 62 | 45 55 | 10 | Very Fine | 30.086 | 65 | 45 | 20 | Very Fine | 30.123 | ${ }_{51}^{51}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46 \\ & 47 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | Clear \& Fine |
| W. | 529976 | 6 | 55 | 10 | Overcast | 29.915 | 74 | 50 | 23 | Ditto | -29.822 | $\begin{aligned} & 51 \\ & 59 \end{aligned}$ | 57 | 4 | Ditto |
| Th. | -.720 | 58 | 58 | - | Slight rain | -.714 | 67 | 67 | 4 | Cloudy | -29.834 | 56 | 53 | 3 | Slightly clouded |
| F. | 7-.890 | 64 | 60 | 4 | Overcast | -.862 | 68 | 55 | 13 | Boisterous | -.901 | 59 | 54 | 5 | Clear |
| S. | 830.057 | 63 | 50 | 13 | Very Fine | 30.040 | 71 | 50 | 21 | Very Fine | 30.001 | 54 | 49 | 5 | Ditto |
|  | 929.992 | 64 | 64 | - | Slight rain | $29.983^{\prime}$ | 72 | 56 | 16 | Ditto | -.009 | 53 | 49 | 4 | Ditto |
| M. | 1030034 | 64 | 55 | 9 | Fine | 30.037 | 68 | 55 | 13 | Cloudy | -.110 | 51 | 48 | 3 | Ditto |
| W. | ${ }_{12} 12$-. 186 | 63 63 | 55 | 12 | Clear and do. | -. 173 | 71 | 47 | 24 | Very Fine | -. 143 | 58 | 53 | 5 | Ditto |
| Th. | $13-.003$ | 69 | 55 | 14 | Liear | -131 | 73 | 53 | 20 | Ditto | -. 080 | 59 | 56 | 3 | Overcast |
| F. | 14-030 | 62 | 51 | 11 | Clear, Fine | 29.945 | 72 | 48 | 124 | Ditto | 29.940 | 59 | 54 | 5 | Ditto |
| - S. ${ }^{\text {S. }} 1$ | 15-.009 | 60 | 55 | 5 | Very Fine | -.036 | 67 | . 38 | 29 | Ditto | -70.996 | $\begin{aligned} & 54 \\ & 51 \end{aligned}$ | 46 |  | Ditto |
| - S. ${ }_{\text {M. }} 1$ | $16-179$ | 63 | 47 | 16 | slightly clouded | -. 197 | 67 | 43 | 24 | Ditto | -. 168 | 50 | 46 | 4 | Ditto |
| ${ }_{\text {M. }}^{\text {T. }}$ | 17-.153 | 65 | 52 | 13 | Hot \& dry | -. 067 | 70 | 48 | 22 | Cloudy | 29.925 | 56 | 53 | 3 | Overcast |
|  | ${ }^{18} 29757$ | 62 | 62 | - | Rain | 29.690 | 69 | 55 | 14 | Fine | -.675 | 53 | 53 | - | Ditt |
| Th. | 2030.041 | 58 | 55 | - | Overcast | -.918 | 6 | 60 | - | Heavy clouds | 30.014 | 50 | 48 | 2 | Cloudy, |
|  | 2129.980 | 62 | 60 | 2 | Light clouds | 二.985 | 75 | 62 58 | 17 | Overcast | 29.972 | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 58 \end{aligned}$ | 54 56 | 2 | Ditto |
|  | $22-769$ | 67 | 60 | 7 | Overcast | -. .777 | 78 | 55 | 17 23 | Very fine | -..61 | 53 | 49 | 4 | Very fast |
|  | $23-789$ | 78 | 69 | 9 | Clear and fine | -. 758 | 86 | 65 | 21 | Clear, Sultry | -.742 | 66 | 59 | 7 | Ditto |
| ${ }^{\mathbf{r} .}$ | $24-651$ $25-618$ | 75 61 6 | 65 <br> 6 | 10 | Cloudy \& sultry | -. 647 | 83 | 65 | 18 | Hot, Ditto | -. 642 | 60 | 56 | 4 | Ditto |
| W. | $26-.718$ | 57 |  | - | Heavy rain | -613 | 64 | 64 | - | Constant Rain | -. 666 | 49 | 49 |  | Rain |
| Th. | $27-828$ | 56 | 56 | - | Overcast | 二744 | 66 | 53 | 13 | Light clonds, fine | - $\begin{array}{r}\text {-.784 } \\ -886\end{array}$ | 55 | 55 |  | Ditto |
|  | 28 | 60 | 55 | 5 | Very filie | -969 | 71 | 55 | 16 | Very fine | 30.016 | 55 | 52 | 3 | Clear |
|  |  |  |  | 7 | Dry haze |  | 72 | 63 | 9 | Overcast, fine | -.850 | 54 | 51 | 3 |  |
|  | 29.950 | 62.30 | 55.97 | 6.33 |  | 29.929 | 70.57 | 54.17 | 6.40 |  | 29.929 | 54.23 | 50.93 | 3.30 |  |

## JUNE.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oig | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 72 | 44 | 88 | 40 | NE | Brisk |  |  |
| 2 | 61 | 41 | 79 | 36 |  | Ditto |  | More rain fell in this month than in both the two preceding, |
| 3 | 69 | 41 | 89 | 37 | E | Little |  | the 25 th merely the surface of the ground was occasionally |
| 4 | 79 | 40 | 95 | 36 | SW | Brisk |  | wetted; more fell on the day above mentioned than had pre- |
| 5 | 79 | 53 | 85 | 50 | - | Ditto | . 06 | viously fallen, in the whole amount, since the middle of |
| 6 | 70 | 53 | 83 | 53 |  | Ditto | . 02 | April. It was found that even this quantity did not moisten |
| 7 | 71 80 | 50 | 84 | 46 |  | Sirong |  | lower than 6 inches in most soils; consequently the roots of |
| 9 | 80 | 49 51 | 95 | 48 | W | Ditto | . 021 | trees were little benefited by it. The mean temperature was |
| 0 | 77 | 41 | 90 | 37 |  | Ditto |  | fully $2^{\circ}$ above the average, the wind being chiefly from Southwest and West, directly opposite to the cold points from which |
| 11 | 83 | 42 | 99 | 37 | SW | Ditto |  | it came in the preceding month. Thunder occurred on the |
| 12 | 82 | 56 | 98 | 53 |  | Ditto |  | it 18th; the 7 th was very boisterous. |
| 13 | 85 | 52 | 100 | 48 |  | Brisk |  |  |
| 14 15 15 | 75 | 49 | 89 | 44 | W | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.936 inches. |
| 15 <br> 16 | 78 78 | 43 40 | 90 | 39 37 | NW | Ditto |  | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { —— Temperature } . . . . . . . \text { Ditto } . . . . . & 62^{\circ} \cdot 37 \\ \text { Dew Point ......... Ditto ..... } & 53^{\circ} .69\end{array}$ |
| 17 | 77 | 52 | 94 | 50 | S | Little | . 04 | - Degree of Dryness ... Ditto ..... $8^{\circ} .68$ |
| 18 | 77 | 54 | 93 | 51 | E | Ditto | . 05 | - Degree of Moisture . . Ditto ..... . 740 |
| 19 | 66 | 46 | 70 | 43 | NW | Ditto | . 02 | - Force of Vapour ..... Ditto ..... 412 inch. |
| 20 | 74 | 53 | 82 | 52 | W | Ditto | . 01 | Least observed degree of Moisture ..... 910 $^{.0355}$ |
| 21 | 83 | 52 | 99 | 48 | SW | Brisk |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade..... $91^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 22 | 86 | 48 | 101 | 44 |  | Little |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto $\ldots \ldots \ldots .{ }^{40^{\circ}}$ |
| 23 | 91 | 63 | 106 | 62 | S | Brisk |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun .... $106^{\circ}$ |
| 24 | 89 | 67 | 105 | 54 | sw | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ..... ${ }_{\text {a }}^{3}$ |
| 25 26 26 | 65 | 47 | 65 | 46 | - | Little | .62 | Mean Temperature of External Air . . . . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ O ${ }^{\circ} .95$ |
| 27 | 67 68 | 51 | 86 | 51 | N | Ditto | 12 | Winds. |
| 28 | 74 | 50 47 | 85 | 47 43 | W | Ditto |  | North.......2days ${ }^{\text {N. East...... } 3 \text { days }}$ |
| 29 | 83 | 54 | 97 | 50 | SW | Ditto |  |  |
| 30 | 79 | 50 | 91 | 46 | NE | Ditto |  | West........6. $6 .$. |
|  | 76.60 | 49.30 | 90.66 | 45.80 |  |  | 0.97 | Amount of Rain............ 0.97 inches. |

## JULY.



## JULY.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dins. | Max. | Miu. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 79 | 54 | 93 | 53 | S | Little |  |  |
| 2 | 69 | 53 | 86 | 51 | N | Ditto | .22 | month The period between the $215 t$ and 28 th was remarkably |
| 3 | 72 68 | 57 | 86 | 53 | SE | Ditto | .14 | mont, the thermometer reaching between $80^{\circ}$ and $90^{\circ}$ in the shade, |
| 4 | 68 | 55 | 73 | 55 | SW | Brisk | . 01 | one day excepted. On the $25 \mathrm{th}^{\text {it }}$ was as high as $92^{\circ}$. The quan- |
| 5 | 70 | 50 | 86 | 48 | NE | Little | . 06 | tity of rain was but little short of the average ; yet the ground |
| 6 | 65 68 | 54 | 86 | 52 | N | Ditto | . 06 | at some depth still continued dry. A very heavy thunder storm |
| 8 | 77 | 58 | 90 | 56 | W | Ditto | .13 | occurred on the afternoon of the 19th, accompanied with rain and |
| 9 | 74 | 49 | 90 | 45 | N | Ditto |  | hail. The air was very clear on the 20th; and then the hot period |
| 10 | 78 | 60 | 89 | 58 | SW | Ditto |  | set in as above noticed. The first week was cloudy and wet; but with few exceptions the rest of the month was unusually |
| 11 | 78 | 56 | 91 | 54 | W | Ditto |  | bright, the sky being frequently quite cloudless. |
| 12 | 78 | 56 | 80 | 52 |  | Brisk | . 06 |  |
| 13 | 71 | 56 | 84 | 53 | SW | Ditto | .53 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.883 inches. |
| 14 | 75 | 47 | 90 | 43 | W | Ditto |  | - Temperature . . . . . . . Ditto....... $63^{\circ} \cdot 71$ |
| 15 | 76 75 | 46 | 90 85 8 | 42 37 | SW | Little |  | - Dew Point .......... Ditto...... $57.5{ }_{6}{ }^{\circ} 18$ |
| 17 | 73 | 52 | 84 | 50 | N | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture . . . Ditto....... . 781 |
| 18 | 73 | 45 | 89 | 43 | W | Ditto |  | - Force of Vapour...... Ditto...... 4772 inch. |
| 19 20 | 74 | 44 | 87 | 42 | N | Ditto | . 39 | Least observed degree of Moisture....... ${ }_{90} 0^{.389}$ |
| 20 | 76 | 43 | 90 | 41 | NW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade $\ldots . . .992^{\circ}$. |
| 21 | 82 | 49 | 96 | 46 | S | Ditto |  |  |
| 22 23 | 89 | 53 | 104 | 49 | SW | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ..... $108^{\circ}$ |
| 23 24 24 | 87 | 61 | 105 | 52 | E | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ...... 37 $37^{\circ}$ |
| 24 25 | 87 | 53 | 103 | 50 |  | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of External Air....... 64.30 |
| 25 | 92 | 62 | 108 | 59 | S | Ditto |  |  |
| 20 27 | 74 | 55 | 89 | 50 | NW | Ditto |  | Winds. |
| 27 28 | 83 | 50 | 100 | 45 |  | Ditto |  | North......5 days N . East....1 days |
| 28 29 | 88 | 57 | 101 | 52 | SW | Ditto |  | South......3 .. S. East..... 1 .. |
| 30 | 68 | 44 | 101 | 39 | NW | Brisk |  | East .......3 . 3 N, West.... 4 |
| 31 | 72 | 55 49 | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 83 \end{aligned}$ | 51 44 | SW | Ditto Ditto | .14 .02 | West ...... 7 .. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ S. West .... 7 |
|  | 76.42 | 52.19 | 89.51 | 48.93 |  |  | 2.10 | Amount of kain ................. 2.10 inches. |

AUGUST.


## AUGUST.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dasa | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 71 | 45 | 74 | 42 | W | Strong | 02 |  |
| 2 | 72 | 49 | 85 | 45 |  | Little | $\cdot 1$ |  |
| 3 | 69 | 52 | 84 | 48 | SW | Strong | . 15 | average; but the weather on the whole was very favourable for |
| 4 | 77 | 44 | 91 | 41 | W | Ditto | .01 | bringing crops to maturity. The depth of rain was about half |
| 5 | 72 | 57 | 83 | 57 | S | Little | $\cdot 37$ | an inch below the average for this month. The barometer was |
| 6 | 71 | 52 | 81 | 48 | SW | Strong | . 02 | low till the 15 th, after which no rain fell with the exception of |
| 8 | 71 72 | 50 47 | 84 83 8 | 46 | W | Ditto | .12 | two slight showers; and towards the end of the month the ba- |
| 9 | 74 | 45 | 87 | 41 | SW | Ditto |  | rometer stood high. There was a heavy shower, with squall, at |
| 10 | 76 | 41 | 92 | 37 | N | Little |  | noon on the 7 th, and on the 14th a very heavy squall com- |
| 11 | 73 | 54 | 86 | 51 | SW | Brisk | . 12 | menced suddenly, and likewise at noon, with rain in torrents. |
| 12 | 70 | 54 | 72 | 52 | W | Ditto | .33 |  |
| 13 | 65 | 51 | 69 | 48 | SW | Little | . 24 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.799 inches. |
| 14 | ${ }^{65}$ | 49 | 66 | 46 | W | Boisterous | . 30 | - Temperature. . . . . . . Ditto. ..... 59 59.94 |
| 15 16 |  | 47 | 74 | 43 | NW | Strong | . 03 | - Dew Point.......... . Ditto...... $54^{\circ} .22$ |
|  | 77 | 57 | 82 | 57 | W | Listle | . 01 | - Degree of Dryness.... Ditto...... 5 $5^{\circ} .72$ |
| 18 | 69 69 | 47 | 75 | 46 |  | Brisk |  | - Degree of Moisture...Ditto...... 811 |
| 19 | 72 | 60 | 87 | 39 60 | W | Brisk | . 01 | Least observed degree of Moisture....... ${ }^{\text {a }}$. 416 inch. |
| 20 | 78 | 51 | 82 | 50 | W | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Shade.... $80^{\circ}{ }^{.444}$ |
| , | 65 | 52 | 74 | 50 | - | Little |  | Minimum Temperature in ditto........ $3^{88^{\circ}}$. |
| 23 | 67 | 42 | 72 | 40 | - | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $\mathbf{9 2}^{\mathbf{\circ}}$. |
| ${ }^{23}$ | 69 | 38 | 74 | 35 | SW | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation ..... $33^{\circ}$. |
| 4 | 71 | 49 | 78 | 46 |  | Ditto |  | Mean Temperature of External Air . . . . $59^{\circ} .69$ |
| 25 26 | 73 66 | 50 | 81 | 48 | NW | Brisk |  |  |
| \% | 71 | 47 38 | 70 | 44 |  | Little |  | Winds. |
| ${ }^{28}$ | 78 | 40 | 8 | 33 36 |  | Ditto |  | North ...... 1 days ${ }^{\text {N. East..... } 0 \text { days }}$ |
| 29 | 79 | 42 | 90 | 39 | E | Ditto |  | South ....... 1 I $\cdot$ S. East...... I . ${ }^{\text {I }}$ |
| 33 | 72 80 | 42 | 87 | 39 |  | Brisk |  | East....... 2 <br> West |
|  |  | 44 | 90 | 42 | SE | Little |  |  |
|  | 71.68 | 47.71 | 80.23 | 44.96 |  |  | 1.84 | Amount of Rain ....................... 1.84 inches. |

SEPTEMBER.

| Morning. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Noon. |  |  |  |  | Night. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1844. | 完 | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. | Barom. | Hygrometer. |  |  | Weather. |
|  |  | 30.380 | 55 | 55 |  | Slight fog | 30.335 | 77 | 61 | 16 | Clear and hot | 30.335 | 50 | 50 | - | Clear \& fine |
| M. | 2 | -. 322 | 58 | 58 | - | Foggy | -.263 | 74 | 60 | 14 | Ditto | -.192 | 54 | 51 | 3 | Ditto |
| ( W . | 3 | -. 097 | 62 | 62 |  | Fine | -. 050 | 69 | 60 | 9 | Fine | -. 020 | 62 | 60 | 2 | Overcast |
| ${ }^{4} \mathrm{~W}$. | 4 | 29.977 | 62 | 62 | - | Densely overcast | 29.954 | 73 | 63 | 10 | Ditto | 29.926 | 60 | 58 | 2 | Ditto |
| 1h. | 5 | -.842 | 66 | 66 | - | Cloudy, mild | -.801 | 71 | 65 | 6 | Cloudy, fine | -. 926 | 56 | 56 | - | Ditto |
|  | 6 | $-.837$ | 65 | 65 | - | Rain | -. 884 | 70 | 64 | 6 | Ditto | -. 934 | 60 | 59 | 1 | Do. \& mild |
| S | 7 | 894 | 65 | 65 |  | Slight rain | -. 894 | 72 | 72 | - | Ditto | -.913 | 58 | 56 | 2 | Clear \& fine |
| M. | 9 | . | 6 | 63 | - | Very fine | -.840 | 72 | 63 | 9 | Clear \& fine | -. 759 | 60 | 60 | - | Heavy rain |
| T. | 10 | $-.820$ | 57 | 57 | - | Densely overcast | -. 8.816 | 63 | 60 | 3 | Slightly overcast | -.747 | 5 | 54 | - | Fine |
| W. | 11 | 30.014 | 52 | 52 | $\div$ | Slight fog | -. 9995 | 64 | 47 | 17 | Very fine | -.993 | 53 | 53 | - | Clear \& do. |
| Th. | 12 | -.011 | 59 | 59 | - | Overcast | 30.037 | 66 | 53 | 13 | Overcast, fine | 30.089 | 55 | 55 | - | Ditto |
| F. | 13 | -. 159 | 60 | 60 | - | Ditto | $-.154$ | 67 | 50 | 17 | Very fine | $-.138$ | 56 | 54 | 2 | Overcast, fine |
| S. | 14 | -. 078 | 61 | 61 | - | Do. \& fine | -056 | 72 | 57 | 15 | Ditto | -.030 | 57 | 54 | 3 | Ditto |
| S. | 15 | 29.857 | 63 | 63 | - | Overcast | 29.825 | 70 | 64 | 6 | Cloudy | 29.830 | 60 | 60 | - | Rain, hazy |
| M. | 16 | $-.838$ | 66 | 65 | 1 | Very fine | $-.838$ | 71 | 65 | 6 | Do. \& fine | -. 848 | 61 | 59 | 2 | Clear \& fine |
| W. | 17 | $-.729$ | 66 | 64 | 2 | Overcast | -.708 | 70 | 70 | - | Showery, cloudy | $-.727$ | 56 | 56 | - | Hazy |
| W. | 18 | -. 879 | 55 | 55 | - | Rain | $-.729$ | 55 | 55 | - | Rain | --.989 | 48 | 48 | - | Fine |
| D Th. | 19 | 30.068 | 51 | 51 | - | Clear | -. 933 | 62 | 50 | 12 | Very fine | -.938 | 44 | 43 | 1 | Very clear |
|  | 20 | -. 028 | 55 | 55 |  | Drizzly | -. 997 | 58 | 58 | - | Hazy | -. 997 | 44 | 44 | - | Ditto |
| S | 21 | -. 048 | 54 | 54 | - | Clear | 30.068 | 64 | 57 | 7 | Very fine | 30.091 | 49 | 47 | 2 | Ditto |
| M. | 22 | -. 036 | 52 | 50 | 2 | Fine | 29.970 | 59 | 50 | 9 | Cloudy \& do. | 29.921 | 49 | 47 | 2 | Cloudy |
| T. | 23 | 29.741 | 54 | 54 | - | Cloudy | -. 692 | 61 | 45 | 16 | Ditto | -.729 | 51 | 49 | 2 | Overcast |
| W. | 25 | --893 | 53 | 50 | 3 | Fine | -. 944 | 63 | 53 | 10 | Very fine | 30.081 | 46 | 45 |  | Clear \& \& \& do. |
| 0 'Th. | 26 | -. 270 | 44 | 5 |  | Slight fog | 30.183 | 62 | 50 | 12 | Ditto | -. 234 | 44 | 44 |  | Clear \& do. |
|  | 27 | -. 179 | 42 | 42 |  | Ditto | -. 138 | 62 | 59 | 3 | Fine | -. 096 | 42 | 42 | - | Foggy |
| S. | 28 | -. 047 | 43 | 43 |  | Dense fog | 29.987 | 64 | 53 | 11 | Very fine | 29.934 | 43 | 43 | - | Clear |
| M. | 29 | 29.961 | 52 | 52 | - | Drizzly | 20.040 | 58 | 54 | 4 | Cloudy, fine | 30.219 | 41 | 40 | 1 | Ditto |
| M. | 30 | 30.326 | 46 | 43 | 3 | Slightly overcast | -. 328 | 56 | 44 | 12 | Clear \& do. | -. 242 | 40 | 40 | - | Ditto |
|  |  | 30.003 | 33 | . 97 | 0.36 |  | 29.981 | . 80 | - 37 | 8.43 |  | 30.001 | 51.67 | . 80 | 0.87 |  |

SEPTEMBER.


OCTOBER.


## OCTOBER.

| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Days. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Directiou. | Force. | In. Pis. |  |
| 1 | 70 | 45 | 92 | 43 | SW | Little |  | The average temperature was still maintained; and there was |
| 2 | 70 | 47 | 80 | 44 | W | Strong |  | likewise abundance of moisture. The quantity of rain which fell |
| 3 | 71 | 41 | 85 | 37 | SW | Ditto |  | between the ist of April and the commencement of this month |
| 4 | 69 | 46 | 88 | 44 | - | Little |  | was 6 inches $\frac{8}{10}$; whereas the average for the same period is 12 |
| 5 | 67 | 39 | 79 | 37 | - | B isk | . 22 | inches $\frac{0}{10}$; and deducting $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inch, the excess above the average |
| 6 | 63 | 40 | 78 | 37 | NW | Ditto |  | for October, there remained about in inches of rain still due at |
| 7 | 62 | 29 | 79 | 27 | NW | Little |  | the end of the month. Nearly as much fell on the 14th and 15 th |
| 8 | 61 | 41 | 77 | 38 | S | Ditto |  | as there did in the months of April, May, and June of the pre- |
| 9 | 63 | 53 | 74 | 50 | SE | Brisk | . 01 | sent year. The barometer averaged very low; the greatest de- |
| 10 | 63 | 35 | 74 | 33 | SW | Ditto | .07 | pression being about the middle of the month when the great |
| 11 | 68 | 39 | 88 | 36 |  | Little |  | fall of rain took place. Previously to this, it was found that in |
| 12 | 64 | 55 | 79 | 54 | S | Brisk | . 03 | borders not watered the soil was dry to the depth of a trench, $2 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 | 65 | 45 | 79 | 43 | SW | Ditto | - 33 | feet deep. |
| 14 | 65 | 44 | 77 | 44 | S | Brisk | . 42 | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29.674 inches |
| 15 | 63 | 46 | 70 | 46 | SW | Ditto | 1.04 | $\qquad$ Temperature Ditto $50^{\circ} .04$ |
| 16 | 60 | 43 | 76 | 40 | -W | Little | . 02 | - Dew Point . . . . . . . . . Ditto . . . . . 4 $4^{80.61}$ |
| 17 | 59 | 37 | 68 | 34 | - | Ditto |  | - Degree of Dryness ... Ditto ..... $1^{\circ} \cdot 43$ |
| 18 19 | 56 | 33 | 69 | 30 | SW | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture . . . Ditto . . . . . . 950 |
| 18 20 | 58 | 42 | 73 | 40 | SW | Brisk | . 03 | _- Force of Vapour ..... Ditto ...... ${ }^{\text {. }} 343$ inch. |
| 31 | 59 | 34 | 74 | 34 | E | Ditto | . 03 | Least observed degree of Moisture ...... . ..$^{.588}$ |
| 22 | 59 | 30 | 61 | 26 | W | Ditto | . 04 | Maximum Temperature in the shade .... $71{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 23 | $5^{8}$ | 39 | 64 | 37 | N | Ditto | .04 | Maximum Temperature in the Sun ...... $92^{\circ}$. |
| 34 | 52 | 46 | 52 | 45 | - | Ditto | . 88 | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation . . . . . $27^{\circ}$. |
| 24 26 | 52 53 | 40 | 55 | 39 | - | Ditto | . 03 | Mean Temperature of External Air ..... 50 $0^{\circ} .17$ |
| 27 | 53 | 37 | 56 | 35 | - | Ditto |  | Winds. |
| 28 | 53 47 | 29 31 | 56 | 28 | NE | Ditto |  | North. . . . . 44 days. N. East.... . 22 days. |
| 29 | 52 | 42 | 59 | 40 | E | Ditto | . 28 |  |
| 30 31 | 48 | 34 | 60 | 30 |  | Ditto | . 02 | East........ 4 . ${ }^{\text {N. West . . . . } 1 \text {. }}$ |
| 31 | 54 | 43 | 70 | 40 |  | Ditto |  | West.......5 . . ${ }^{\text {S }}$ West. . . . 11 |
|  | 60.09 | 40.26 | 71.16 | 38.09 |  |  | 4.13 | Amount of Rain. . 31 days...........4.4.13 inches. |

NOVEMBER.


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DECEMBER.


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| Temperature. |  |  |  |  | Wind. |  | Rain. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dhys. | Max. | Min. | Sun. | Rad. | Direction. | Force. | In. Pts. |  |
| 1 | 42 | 33 | 55 | 32 | NE, | Brisk |  | This month was one of continued severity. The mean tempe- |
| 2 | 40 | 27 | 41 | 25 |  | Little |  | rature was $7^{\circ}$ below the average So early in the month as the |
| 3 | 39 | 33 | 39 | 32 | - | Ditto |  | 5 th and 6th the thermometer fell $18^{\circ}$ below freezing. Frost con- |
| 4 | 40 | 22 | 40 | 17 | - | Ditto |  | tinued till the 14 th, when it was found to have penetrated to the |
| 5 | 35 | 14 | 39 | 8 |  | Ditto |  | depth of 8 inches in Kitchen Garden soil ; but where the ground |
| 6 | 30 | 14 | 30 | 9 | E | Ditto |  | had been recently dug the frozen crust was only 6 inches thick. |
| 7 | 34 | 20 | 34 | 15 | NE | Little |  | The wind was wholly from East, South East or North East, but |
| 8 | 32 | 26 | 33 | 25 | NE | Brisk |  | chiefly from the latter Dense fogs were of frequent occurrence. |
| 9 | 32 | 28 | 32 | 26 | - | Ditto |  | The nights of the 19th and 20th were boisterous |
| 10 | 32 | 28 | 32 | 26 |  | Ditto |  |  |
| 11 | 30 | 22 | 33 | 17 |  | Little |  |  |
| 12 | 31 | 24 | 32 | 22 | E | Ditto |  | Mean Pressure from the 3 daily observations 29985 inches |
| 13 | 32 | 25 | 32 | 23 |  | Brisk |  | -- Temperature . . . . . . . . Ditto. . . . $33^{\circ} 89$ |
| 14 | 32 | 28 | 33 | 25 |  | Little |  | - Dew Point ........... . Ditto...... $33^{\circ} 39$ |
| 15 | 40 | 34 | 40 | 32 | - | Ditto | . 03 | -- Degree of Dryness .... Ditto...... ${ }^{\circ} 50$ |
| 17 | 43 | 35 | 45 | 35 | - | Ditto |  | - Degree of Moisture .... Ditto...... 930 |
| 18 | 44 | 35 | 45 | 34 | NE | Ditto |  | Least observed degree of Moisture . . . . . . . . |
| 19 | 42 | 40 | 44 | 40 | E | Ditto | 05 | Maximum Temperature in the Shade...... $49^{\circ}$ |
| 20 | 38 | 28 | 4 | 27 | NE | Brisk | . 1 | Minimum Temperature in ditto......... $14^{\circ}$ |
| 21 | 37 | 30 | 49 37 | 27 | - | Ditto |  | Maximum Temperature in the Sun........ $55^{\circ}$ |
| 22 | 35 | 27 | 35 | 23 | - | Ditto |  | Minimum of Terrestrial Radiation........ $8^{\circ}$ |
| 23 | 34 | 28 | 33 | 25 | - | Little |  | Mean Temperature of External Air....... $33^{\circ} \mathbf{2 7}$ |
| 24 | 34 | 31 | 34 | 29 | E | Ditto |  |  |
| 25 | 35 | 31 | 35 | 30 | - | Ditto | . | WINDS. |
| 27 | 39 | 30 | 39 | 30 | SE | Ditto |  | North. . . ....... o days N East ... .... 17 days |
| 29 28 | 38 | 30 | 41 | 30 | NE | Ditto |  |  |
| 29 | 48 | 42 | 48 | 40 | SE | Ditto | . 15 | East . . . . . . . . 11 .. ${ }_{\text {N West }}^{\text {W West . . . . . . . . . }}$ O |
| 30 | 42 | 32 | 50 | 38 | NE | Ditto | . 15 | $\underbrace{\text { Cest . . . . . . . } 0 \text {. . }}$ W West ......... |
| 31 | 44 | 32 | 44 | 30 |  | Ditto |  | 31 days |
|  | 37.64 | 28.90 | 38.97 | 2664 |  |  | 0.39 |  |

Monthly Mean Pressure, Temperature, and Dew Point, \&c. of 1844 ; deduced from the Observations recorded in the preceding Journal.

| 1844. <br> Months. | Pressure. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Temperature. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Mean at |  |  | Mean of the three tions. | In the Shade. |  |  | Morn. | Mean at |  | Mean of the three Observ ${ }^{8}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { In Sun's } \\ \text { Rays. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Terrestrial Radiation. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mod. } \\ \text { ofSun } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Rad. } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Max. | Min. | Med. | Barom. | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  | Max. | Min. | Med. |  | Noon. | Night. |  | Max. | Min. | Max. | Min. |  |
| Jan. | O.346 | 29.19 | .969 | 1.147 | 29.961 | 29.967 | 29.976 | 29.968 | 54 | 14 | 38.79 | 37-35 | 43.67 | $37 \cdot 39$ | 39.47 | 61 | 39 | 42 | 3 | 39.20 |
| Feb. | 30.171 | 28.624 | 29.608 | 1.547 | 29.584 | 29.599 | 29.610 | 29-597 | 53 | 19 | 36.49 | $33 \cdot 37$ | 41.17 | 34.17 | 36.23 | 61 | 38 | 41 | 12 | 38.17 |
| March | . 505 | 29.240 | 29.806 | 1. 265 | 29.794 | 29.785 | 29.818 | 29.799 | 63 | 19 | 42.46 | 41.35 | 48.29 | 38.35 | 42.66 | 72 | 48 | 43 | 13 | 43.80 |
| April | 30.441 | 29.58 | 0.097 | 0.853 | 30.108 | 30.097 | 30.086 | 30.097 | 73 | 25 | 51.06 | 50.30 | 62.60 | 46.90 | 53.26 | 84 | 62 | 46 | 20 | 53.05 |
| May | 30.432 | 29.791 | 30.070 | 0.641 | 30.082 | 30.039 | 30.063 | 30.068 | 78 | 32 | 54.05 | 54.06 | 63.1 | 6 | 54.78 | 90 | 66 | 50 | 24 | :57.86 |
| June. | 30.179 | 29.613 | 29.939 | . 0.566 | 29.950 | 29.929 | 29.929 | 29.936 | 91 | 40 | 62.95 | 62.30 | 70 |  | 62.37 | 106 | 70 | 62 | 36 | 68.23 |
| July | 30.275 | 29.47 | 29.885 | 0.801 | 29.897 | 29.87 | 29.876 | 29.883 | 92 | 42 | 64.30 | 63.6 | 70.3 | $57 \cdot 10$ | 63.71 | 108 | 66 | 59 | 37 | 69.22 |
| Aug. | 30.293 | 29.331 | 29.801 | 0.962 | 29.79 | 29.79 | 29.811 | 29.799 | 80 | 38 | 59.69 | 59.81 | 67.29 | 52.74 |  | 92 | 66 | 57 | 33 | 62.59 |
| Sept. | 30.380 | 29.692 | 29.997 | 0.688 | 30.003 | 92.981 | 30.001 | 29.995 | 84 | 30 | 58.91 | 56.38 | 86.80 | 51.67 | 57.93 |  | 75 | 60 | 26 | $67 \cdot 47$ |
| Oc | 30.252 | 28.940 | 29.683 | 1.312 | 29.690 | 29.666 | 29.666 | 29.674 | 71 | 29 | 43.58 | 47.90 | 56.09 | 46.13 | 50.04 | 92 | 52 | 54 | 27 | 54.62 |
| Nov. | 30.326 | 28.937 | 29.769 | 1.389 | 29.770 | 29.758 | 29 | 29.767 | 60 | 22 | 43.5 |  |  | 41.57 | 43 | 65 | 44 | 49 | 17 | $43.98{ }^{\circ}$ |
| Dec. | 30.462 | 29.430 | 29.985 | 1.032 | 29.990 | 29.981 | 29.984 | 429.985 | 49 | 14 | 32.27 | 33.16 | $635 \cdot 93$ | 32.58 | 33.89 | 55 | 32 | 40 | 8 | 32.80 |
| Aver. | 30.338 | 29.321 | 29.884 | 1.017 | 29.885 | 29.8 | 29.883 | 32.830 | 70.66 | 27.00 | 49.09 | 48.50 | 556.04 | 45.00 | 48.8 | 83. | 83 | 50.25 | 1.33 | 52.58 |


| 1844 <br> Wonthe. | Hygrometer indicating Dew Point. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Scale of the Winds. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rain. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean Dew Puint at |  |  | Mean Dew Point. | Mean Force of Vapour. | Mean degree of Dryness. | Mean degree of Moisture. | Least degree of Moisture. | N. | N. E. | E. | S.E. | S. | S. W. | W. | N.W. | Days. | In. Pts. |
|  | Morn. | Noon. | Night. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. . | 36.74 | 41.16 | 37.39 | 38.43 | .236 | 1.04 | 914 | 660 | 5 | 4 | $\bigcirc$ | 1 | $\bigcirc$ | 9 | 8 | 4 | 31 | 2.25 |
| Feb. | 32.65 | 37.55 | 34.17 | 34.79 | . 206 | 1.44 | 949 | 652 | 3 | $\bigcirc$ | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 29 | 2.27 |
| March | 46.26 | 42.94 | 38.35 | 40.51 | . 255 | 2.15 | 923 | 526 | 5 |  |  | - | 1 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 31 | 2.44 |
| April | 45.87 | 44.70 | 45.07 | 45.21 | . 302 | 8.05 | 743 | 312 | 5 | 4 | 3 4 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 30 | 0.33 |
| May . | 48.93 | 46.97 | 43.97 | 46.62 | -319 | 8.16 | 745 | 337 | , | 4 | 6 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 31 | 0.25 |
| June. | 55.97 | 54.17 | 50.93 | 53.69 | . 412 | 8.68 | 740 | 337 355 | 2 | 22 | 6 | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | 13 | 6 | 2 | 30 | 0.97 |
| July | 59.35 | 57.87 | 55.39 | 57.53 | . 472 | 6.18 | 781 |  |  | 3 | 3 | - |  |  | 7 | 4 | 31 | 2.10 |
| Aug. | 56.55 | 54.54 | 51.58 | 53.95 | .416 |  |  | 38 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 7 |  |  | 1.84 |
| Sept. | 55.97 | 57.37 | 50.80 | 53.95 54.71 | -416 | 3.72 | 811 | 444 |  | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 31 |  |
| Oct. | 47.81 | 52.09 | 50.80 | 54.71 | -427 | 3.22 | 872 | 549 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 30 | 1.31 |
| Nov. | 47.81 | 5 | 45.94 | 48.61 | - 343 | 1.43 | 950 | 588 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 31 | 4.13 |
|  | 42.40 | 47.27 | 41.57 | 43.74 | . 287 | 0.11 | 996 | 926 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 3.06 |
| D | 31.45 | 33.29 | 32.42 | 32.39 | . 187 | 1.50 | 930 | 705 |  | 17 | 11 |  |  |  |  | $\bigcirc$ | 31 | 0.39 |
| Aver. | 46.16 | 47.49 | 43.96 | 45.85 | - 321 | 3.97 | 863 | 537 | 32 | 68 | 47 |  | 17 | 94 | 67 | 26 | 366 | 21.34 |

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[^0]:    * Notice sur l'Oxalide de Deppe. 8vo. Lyons, 1838.

[^1]:    * The plant from which the accompanying figure was made was grown by this method. It would have doubtless been even finer had the summer been more congenial.

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[^3]:    * These numbers indicate the quantity of the manure used, cither 1 cwt. and 48 lbs ., or double that quantity, viz. 2 cwt , and 96 lbs. per acre.

[^4]:    * The value of these substances, as manures, is every day becoming more evident. The Superphosphate of Lime in particular, is producing excellent effects. At the time when the above-described experiments on Mangel Wurzel were made at the Gardens, my friend, Mr. H. Aglionby, M.P. made others with green round Turnips, on very poor soil, on which the superphosphate produced a larger crop than any other manure. In these experiments, Sulphate of Ammonia, drilled in under the seed, failed entirely; on very chalky soil the whole crop was destroyed, and on clayey soil it was evidently greatly injured, though not to the same extent as on chalk. This salt appears to be decidedly best as a top dressing, either mixed with mould or road drift.

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[^6]:    * In the Tydschrift voor Natuurlyke Geschiedenis en Physiologie, by van Hoeven and de Vriese.
    + Botaniche Zeitung, Nov. 3, 1843.

[^7]:    VOI. 1II. 2ND SERIES.

[^8]:    * A large parcel of seeds which I transmitted to the Society having failed to grow, this gem of the Mexican highlands remains still to be imported.

[^9]:    * The articles collected about Angangueo, consisting of seventeen sorts of seeds, seven kinds of bulbs and roots, and three species of Epiphytes never reached England.

[^10]:    * A similar freak of Nature I observed in Guatemala with Sobralia macrantha which had its usual large crimson flowers on one stem, whilst on another of the same plant I observed the small and condensed flowers of the genus Evelyna. This plant I carefully removed and transmitted to the Society's Garden with the head of the Evelyna attached to it. It has since flowered, but only produced the flowers of Sobralia macrantha.

[^11]:    * The box containing the above, as well as the seeds and dried specimens collected about Cuenca, were despatched viâ Guayaquil, but never reached England.

[^12]:    ＊Like the Fig，too recently planted，dry weather setting in．

[^13]:    ＊＊＊Broken in taking the measure，the shoot having become much curved at the extremity．

